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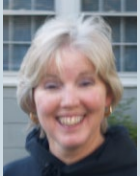
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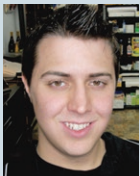
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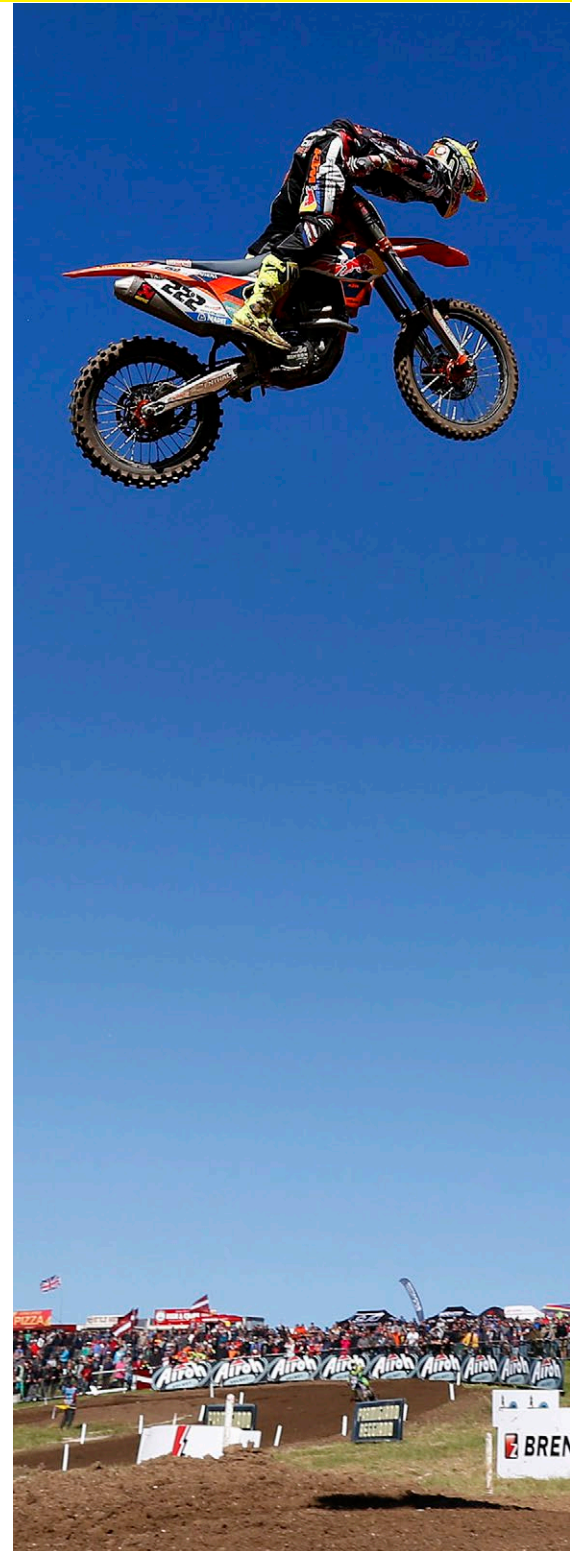
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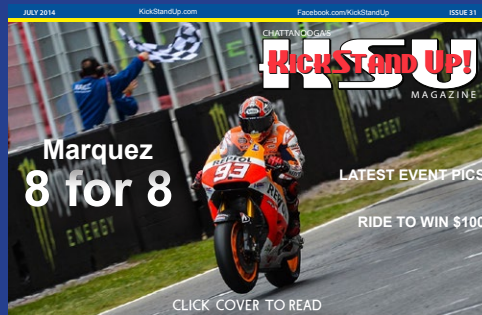


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FROM THE EDITOR

Hello Readers,

I can't believe that it is already July and this is our seventh digital issue. I hope you have enjoyed the variety I have tried to bring to you each month. No matter what type of motorcycling you are into, there should be something here to interest you. Local event ads, event pics, motorcycle racing, and articles. We have something for everyone that loves motorcycles.

One of my goals is to expose you to all the different types of motorcycles and riding styles. I don't ride dirt bikes anymore, but I still love to watch Supercross and other dirt related events. I also don't have



the ability or the stones to participate in the most dangerous motorcycle race in the world, The Isle of Man, but I love to watch that too. Don't let peer pressure or brand brainwashing keep you from trying something different and expanding your horizons. It's all about being in the wind.

We are having fun finding new hiding places and routes for our monthly Find The

C-Note Contest. So far, out the last six issues we have had five winners. The January contest took two months to find, even though it was the shortest distance to date. It was cold, and most bikes are tucked away on life support in their garages waiting for Spring. Poor bikes. Poor owners.

Okay, so we've had five winners in six issues and it seems that The Southern Cruisers, have claimed this contest as their own. One of them has found the C-Note and claimed the cash three times out of the five.

I have been informed that The Cruisers intend to continue winning and shutting all you other clubs, organizations, and lone wolfs out cold and cashless. Each person can only win once per year, but a group has many members and many more opportunities.

Personally I don't care who wins as long as they are a free subscriber to KSU and follow our guidelines on the bottom of our contest page 22. There are six more times to win in 2014. The Cruisers have thrown down the gauntlet, let's roll!

Unlike some other magazines around, KSU is published at 12 noon on the last day of each and every month and our subscribers are notified first by email. Be careful out there and watch out for the texting idiots, they are everywhere.

Have fun and ride daily,

Rock

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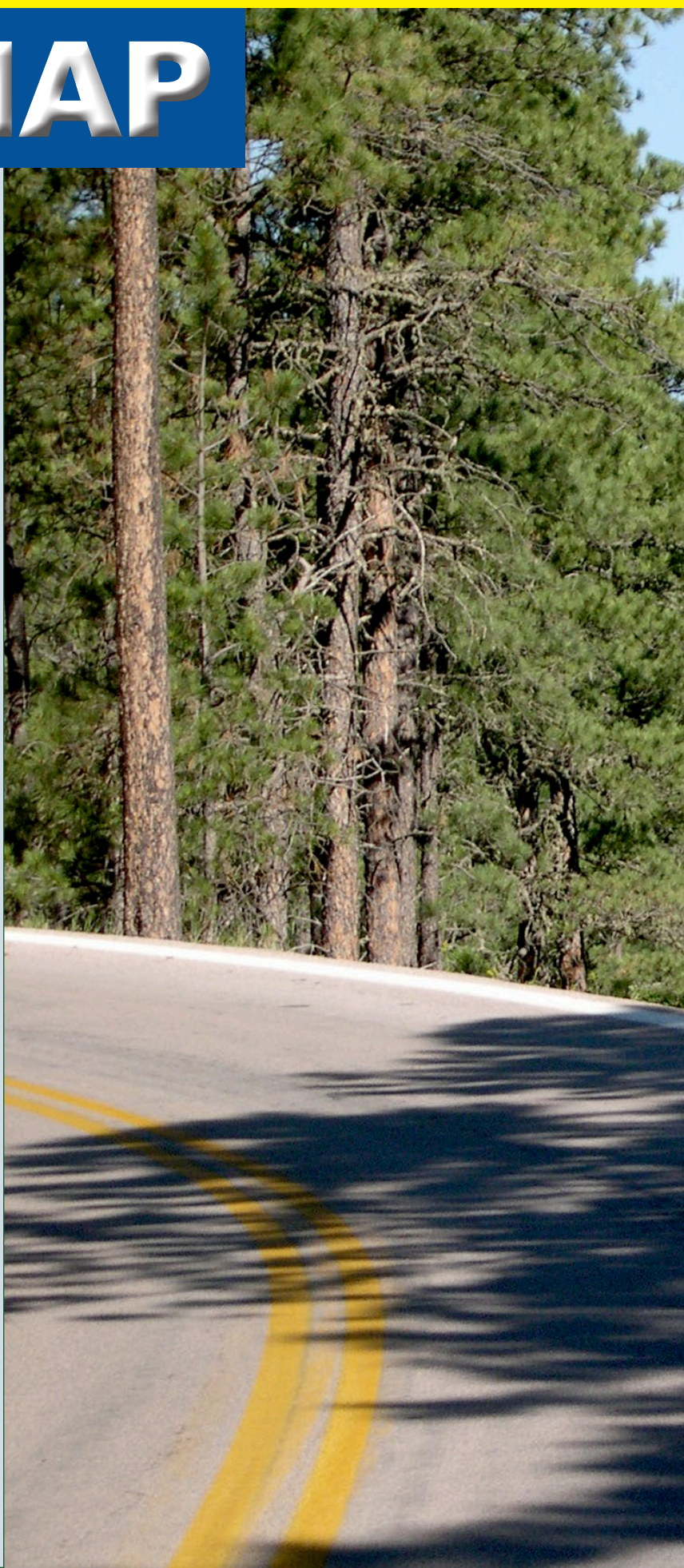
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SOUTHERN CRUISERS RIDING CLUB



As someone that has ridden motorcycles for a substantial period of time, I have always loved riding and of course riding with groups. As we all know, group riding is the safest way to ride because visually you are seen much easier. I always liked the idea of joining a group but didn't want that deep commitment that comes with the "MC" world. I have nothing against the Motorcycle Club world and truly have the upmost respect for all riders. After tagging along with other groups and friends most of the time I felt that I wanted more and wanted to be part of something. A former co-worker of mine introduced me to the Southern Cruisers Riding Club and told me about the monthly meeting that was actually happening that night. I was timid at first considering the options and of course wondering and asking myself, "What in the world is a riding club?" My thoughts were "I already ride why do I need to be part of a club to do that?" What I found was so much more.

When I arrived at the meeting I was welcomed with hugs from people I had never met. While I thought this was rather creepy at first; because I usually like to meet someone or at least know their name before I hug them, I just tried to roll with it and see where things went. In the long run what I found was a group that has many of my passions. They love to ride, they ride for a great charity, and last but definitely not least a strong core group of members with people that I can call at anytime for anything and they will be there. I have met people that without SCRC our paths would have never crossed. I am happy I took the leap and the chance on Southern Cruisers because I truly wait with anticipation on our next gathering.

Southern Cruisers Chattanooga Chapter #34 rode over



Southern Cruisers at Eton Cruise In - 6/14/14



6800 miles on chapter rides in 2013 alone. We have an annual State Rally that is an absolute blast, we do a couple overnights a year, we help the Lookout Valley Lions Club with the Christmas in July Toy Run, and of course we facilitate the annual Polk County Toy Run. We have usually one chapter ride planned per month but have impromptus on a weekly basis.

We have members of all ages and riding abilities and are truly an all brands no dues club. While like every other club, we have our core members that show up on the rides and are extremely involved we love everyone and welcome anyone.

Southern Cruisers as a national group rides for St. Jude Childrens Hospital and has already donated over 2 million dollars so far this year with a whole bunch more coming down the pipeline. With chapters located all over the world and constantly being added, SCRC is a national club with national recognition.

And finally the challenge: SCRC members have now found three C-Notes in Kickstand Up's monthly contest. So we plan on getting the rest this year as well.

If you want to know more about Southern Cruisers Chattanooga visit us at www.scrc34.com

Hope to see you soon!

Keep the rubber side down and your kickstands up!

Nathan Frazier



.. IN ACTION

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In the sixth race of the season in Italy at Mugello, Jorge Lorenzo leads with Marquez on his heels. Rossi struggles to keep them in range. Marquez finally overtakes Lorenzo for his sixth win.

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A Wing ■ ■ ■ and a Prayer

by Gary Boyd

I decided to go for a little ride the other day. I ended up in Chicago. Well not really Chicago, but Batavia IL, which is a far western suburb of Chicago. It's the area where I grew up and where we raised our family.

My great friend, Peter Hanson, rode along with me. We were on a mission. And that mission was Portillos. What is Portillos, you ask?

It is the finest fast food restaurant in the history of the world. I'm serious. Portillos is a group of restaurants in the Chicagoland area that consistently have the best hot dogs, Italian beef, polish sausage, hamburgers, grilled tuna and so much more.

In fact we even planned our arrival so that we could eat a late lunch, at Portillos on the way in on Monday afternoon. We then went that night for dinner at Lou Malnattis. It is in my humble opinion the best deep dish pizza in Chicago.

We spent Tuesday at the home where we were staying as we could not recover from all of the wonderful food that we had been eating.

Yes, our pants wouldn't fit. But we had a plan and we stuck to it. We went and bought bigger pants so we could continue our glutinous binge. Stretch waistband. Buffet pants.

Oh and how wonderful it was. The German bakery and restaurant where we ate breakfast. (No grits.) The restaurant in Lake Geneva WI, called Popeyes, and no not that Popeyes. This was a great place where my family and friends have shared many wonderful meals.

We made it to downtown and to Wrigley. The Cubs even won. Must've been a dream. Or just a fluke.

But the thing that I noticed the most was that no one was wearing a helmet. Now, I am not recommending that anyone go without a helmet, but it took three days for me to stop trying to take it off after I got off the bike before I realized that I was not wearing one.

The trip was about going and showing my friend an area of the country that he had not experienced. Good friends, Bill and Virgene Galloway, graciously opened their home and hearts to us and I can speak for both of us when I say that we had a good time.

We put a lot of miles on the bikes and came home still friends. Oh yeah, we also came home with 3 Harley Davidson T shirts for Peter. Guess what kind of bike he rides?

But we came home. Here is my home. Winding roads that are in good shape surrounded by great friends.

I like being home.

Gary Boyd

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Day Four, I'm sitting on the back deck looking over at the house where I spent 18 years of my life. My daughters grew up in that house. My Granddaughter was born and lived in that house. We had parties and cookouts and watched the Bears together in that house. I became a Christ follower in that house. So did the rest of my family. It was home.

In a few weeks, the Fourth of July fireworks will be shot off just behind that house. We had a lot of parties on the Fourth of July, great parties.

I look over there now and realize that I no longer belong there. Or here. I have no claim or right to anything on that house. Only the memories of a family that grew up there.

It looks smaller. The trees have grown a lot in the past 13 years. My next door neighbors moved away. Funny how fast those 18 years went by. And they keep going faster and faster.

Life is fast. The memories are slow. Do your memories grow fonder as you look back? Mine do. I know there were arguments and fights and unrest. But there was a lot of love and laughter and joy. I choose to remember the latter and dismiss the former. Laughing and love beat hateful and bitter every time. Regrets? Yes. But God forgives and moves us forwards so we have little time for what is behind. Your windshield is much bigger than your rear view mirror in your car. It needs to be in your life also.

My life is now in a different place. I realize that nothing I have actually belongs to me. Except God. And I actually belong to him.

For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us.

For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 8:18, 38, 39 ESV)

Lord, help us today to remember that we do belong to you. That nothing we own is ours. Draw us close to you. In Jesus Name.

Gary Boyd

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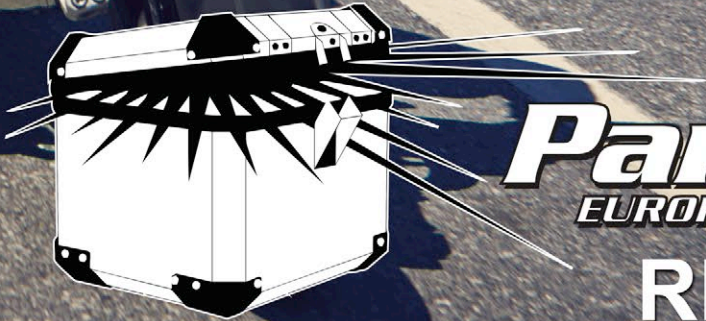


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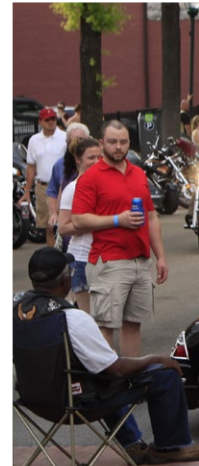


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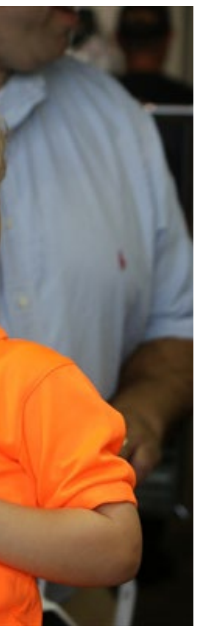
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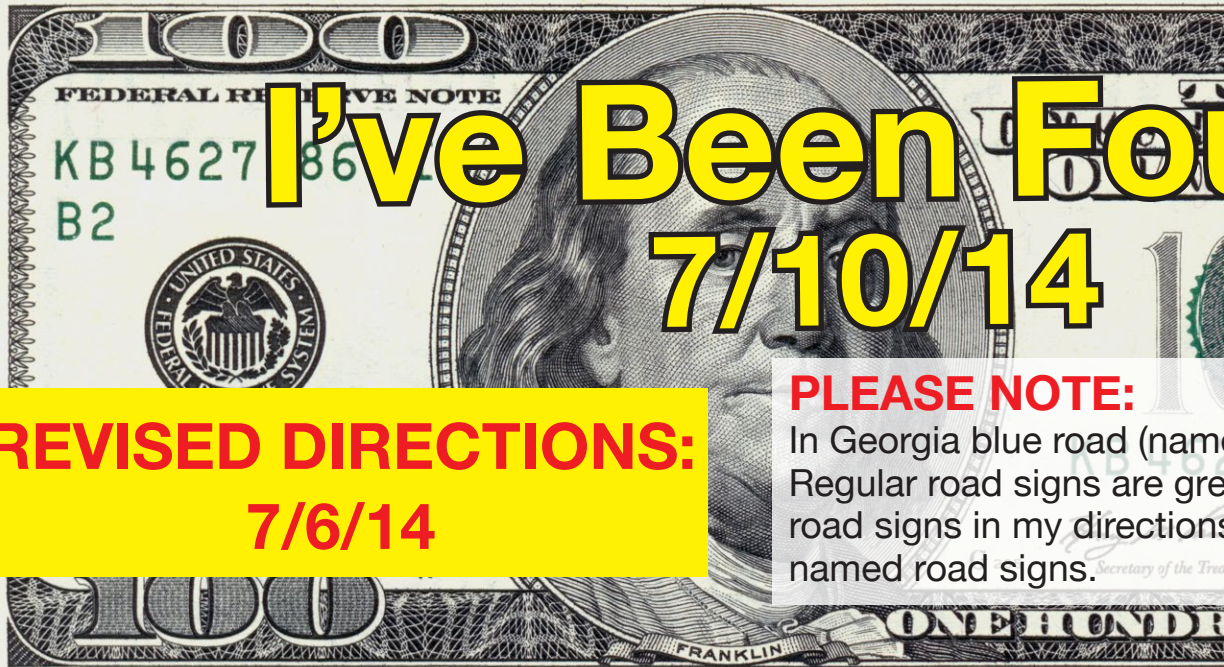
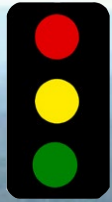
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CONTEST



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SHINY SIDE UP

In The Market

I am at a point in my life where I don't particularly like to be. Aside from the city owned Harley parked in my garage during my off time, there is a vacant spot where my personally owned scooter normally sits. I am currently a motorcyclist without a motorcycle. Fortunately I am not a victim of theft or lost my ride in a meeting with a four wheeler at an intersection. I simply sold my last bike with the intention of upgrading to something newer, and as life does to you every now and again, that extra cash seemed to fit perfectly in some bill collector's hands and all of a sudden - no motorcycle money.

The good news is two-fold. One part that keeps me from smudging my nose against the glass when other bikes ride by is the fact that 8 hours a day I'm on two wheels and getting paid to do so. Granted I can't exactly take off where I want to and my wife can't come, but at least I'm getting wind in my face, even if I do have to stop every few minutes to visit with some poor violator who thought the state was kidding when they posted that speed limit sign. The other thing that keeps me from going totally mental is the fact that motorcycle money is slowly returning and I will someday once again become an owner of something with two wheels and a motor.

This delay in the buying and selling cycle has opened up a bit of a quandary for me. Had I immediately turned around and bought what I had in mind I'd be plunking down cash on a late model Kawasaki Concours 14 - the sport touring model that has more HP than many sport bikes plus saddlebags, ABS, traction control and seating for two. But during this down time I've spent countless hours perusing Craigslist and wearing out salesmen at several dealerships, even test riding not just different models, but different styles of bikes. This week I've been looking hard at the venerable Goldwing 1800 (used), with its actually pretty good performance and handling combined with weeklong storage capacity and limo ride quality for my better half. And if I had the 28 large handy I'd surely spend some serious thought on the 2014 HD Ultra's, with vastly improved performance and aforementioned storage/limo ride features. But that didn't stop me from

test riding the relatively new Honda F6B (hot rod version of the wing) a BMW GSA, and a CBR 1000 among others.

The point I'm trying to convey here is that there are a few things to keep in mind when it comes time to purchase your next or even your first ride. And that point is to take your time shopping. Following this page long intro, here's the meat of the story, aka Motorcop Joe's tips on buying a bike.

Number one, know your budget. And more importantly, if you're married, make sure your spouse knows your budget. My wife likely won't happily climb on the back of something she thinks I spent way too much money on, regardless of how much she enjoys the ride. If you're a new rider and your heart's set on a Harley, but all you can afford is the Sportster, don't associate entry level price with entry level bike. The Sportster is not as forgiving as some other models and is anything but a beginner's bike. Unless you use your ride to commute year round, remember you'll be making payments on that thing when it's sitting in the garage on trickle charge during most of the winter. Finally, don't forget to leave room for maintenance, tires, and any other upgrades you have in mind.

My next tip is to avoid getting stuck on a brand, unless you own stock in that company or wear that company's logo on your shirt for your paycheck. A lot of new riders see folks on brand X and think that's what they want. If you're new to the two wheel scene, be open and check out several styles and brands of bikes before you put hard earned money on something simply because of its name. When it comes to late model motorcycles in my opinion, there are no bad motorcycle makers out there among the well known brands. Some make better bikes in certain categories than others, and some offer features on their bikes that aren't readily available on other models.

This brings me to my next golden nugget of advice. Be open to different styles of bikes. Know what you want out of a motorcycle and



list the features by priority. If flat out performance is at the top of your list, that vintage cafe racer from Triumph may not make the list. But if vintage looks with modern reliability is at the top, that Triumph model starts looking really good. Everyone's list is different, some placing comfort at the top, other's looks, or safety features, etc. Complete your list with what other features are also important to you, and having that list in order of what you are looking for in a motorcycle goes a long way to letting the salesman guide you to a model that you're really looking for. You may actually be surprised when he walks you past the model you envisioned to something that does what you want even better.

Finally know your limits. If you don't know your limits, use that as a clue. I can't tell you how many bad wrecks I worked where a young person's first bike was a 1000 cc sport bike. If someone mentions threshold braking to you and you get a puzzled look on your face, go ahead and ask the salesman for something with ABS. If you're 5 foot on your tippy toes, look for something that you can straddle safely at stop lights. Just don't be afraid to start small and slow and work your way up. It's better to spend a little money on a bike and find out early that riding isn't what you thought it would be than to be saddled with the latest and greatest off the showroom floor and you're stuck with a loss on resale.

And if you're like me, (indecisive according to my wife) enjoy the opportunity to try something you never considered before - it just may be what you needed to put that smile back on your face!

Ride safe,

Joe Warren

.. IN ACTION



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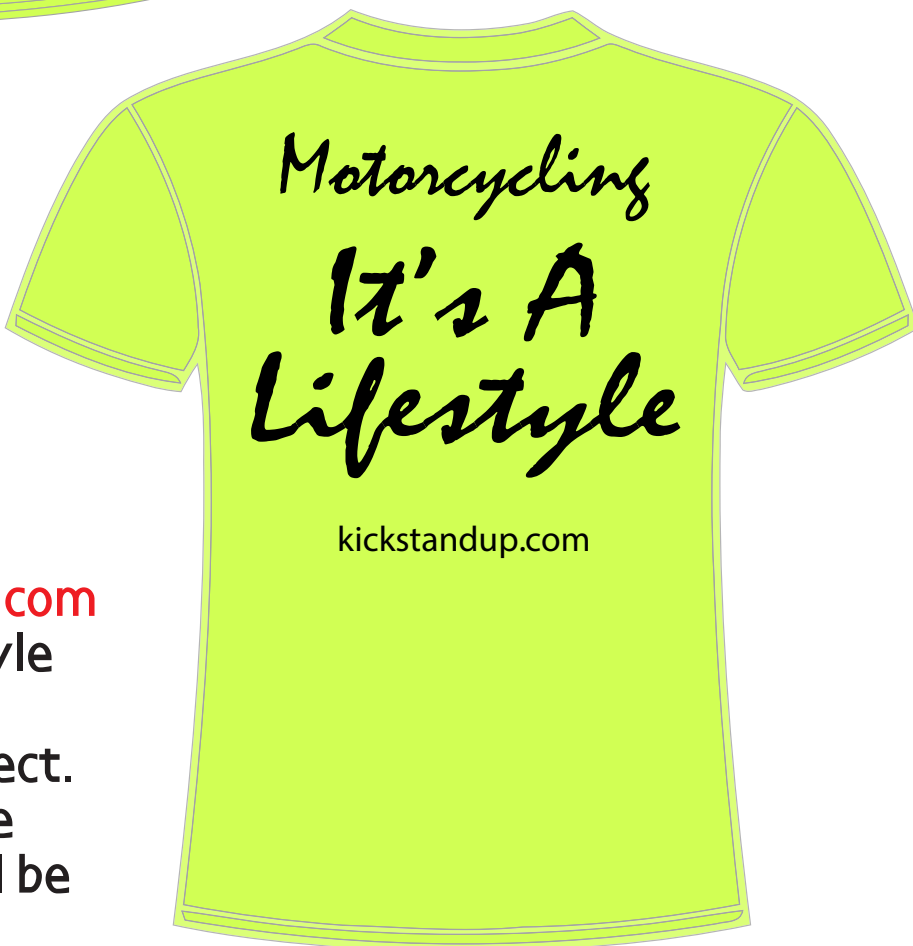


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BACK



fit my idea of freedom. There are times when passing on a double yellow or exceeding the speed limit is just the thing to do. I wouldn't last 15 minutes with a mainstream group before they ask me to leave.

Our crew rarely uses hand signals, we don't need to. My buddy BooBoo has ridden so many miles as my Wing man that he knows what I'm going to do by simply reading my body language while assessing the situation ahead of me. It is all second nature when you have ridden with someone for that many miles. We plan to add to this mileage total this summer when we head to Colorado in early fall with Sandman.

On another note let me vent about this for a sec. I am so sick of some riders thinking they are the superior race due to the brand of bike they ride. Just because you spend 25+K on a bike, play dress up, and ride it a few miles to an event, doesn't make you tough or better than someone else.

Some of these same people are known to look down on sport riders because they dress different and don't ride the Anointed Brand. You're right, they don't . . . they ride what makes them happy just as you are doing.

The level of concentration it takes to ride a 180+ mph motorcycle far exceeds the skill level of most cruiser riders. I'm sorry folks, but that's just the cold hard truth. I found this fact out personally. After 40 years of riding Harley-Davidsons I finally bought my first sport bike four years ago. I have been reborn and humbled ever since.

So, the next time your pack is passed by a rocket, you need to face the fact that the rider that just passed you can most likely outride you. So, just accept it, be friendly, wave instead of snarl, move your pack to the right of the lane, and let the sport riders pass. Sport riding is a sport, cruising is an activity. I do both. When is the last time you saw CruiserGP on the sports channel?

Don't get me wrong, I love motorcycles and riders whether large, small, lumbering, or mongoose fast. My daily rider is my '97 HD Heritage, but I do ride the crap out of my BMW K1300S at least once a week. Like the Stephen Still song says, "love the one you're with." I love all of my girls equally, Hazel, Lucy, and Pearl. They bunk together and are the only girlfriends that my wife lets me have.

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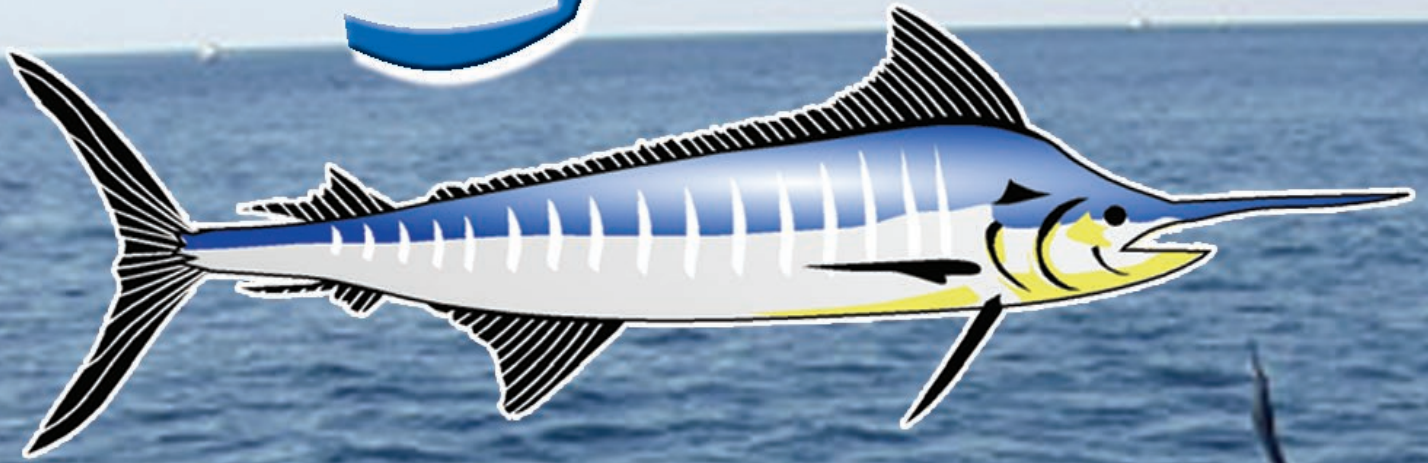
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Whether it be a local ride or a destination in a place far, far away, (my best ode to Star Wars) we all have our favorite routes of travel. Are you an adrenaline junkie in need of a fix, or a cruiser wanting to take in all that Mother Earth has to offer? Either way, you are in search of that perfect experience, and you choose the path that satisfies.

Fear not. I have suggestions for the not-so-faint-of-heart. If curves and speed is what you crave, I have a few suggestions that will leave your riding gear used and abused.

Suck Creek, TN-- Depending on the time of day, and time of year, this local stretch can be yours for the taking. It can leave you feeling breathless and alive. If curves is what you crave, this route has them! Several switchbacks and a challenging downhill u-turn are just a couple of features that can get the ol' blood pumping.

Daugh Mountain, TN-- If older roads don't deter you, and at minimum, you are an intermediate rider, then this may be your "SHAZAM!" This little jewel has sharp hairpin turns that would even rival "The Dragon." There is almost zero traffic and a couple of straight-aways, so crank up your tunes and get your ridin' jam on! There's also picturesque scenery, should you want to slow down long enough to enjoy it.



Cherohala Skyway, TN/NC-- Fast or slow, the Cherohala Skyway is an amazing ride that will take you on a 43 mile highway that connects Tellico Plains, TN to Robbinsville, NC. If you're after breathtaking views at high elevations, this will not disappoint. There are multiple overlooks to get your moto-photo on! This ride will take you at elevations that top out at 5400 feet!!

The Tail of The Dragon, TN-- From beginners to the most expert of riders, "The Dragon" is a crowd favorite with 318 curves in 11 miles, and lots of photo ops. Need I say more!? There's even a "Tree of Shame" for those unfortunate souls that didn't quite end it in the same shape in which they started. If curves are not your thing, then you may want to bypass this all together.



If fast and fearless is not your style, then here are some ideas that will keep your heart rate steady and your mind at ease. From beautiful wildflowers to cud-chewing cows, these routes focus on relaxation and scenery.

Hwy 157/ Lookout Mtn Pkwy, GA--If beautiful surroundings at a steady pace is what you want, this less strenuous path is sure to please. This two lane, less traveled road will take you to wildflowers and country views including farms and the animals that call them home. For your more adventurous viewing pleasure, there's Lookout Mountain Hang Gliding. Whenever I travel this path, I usually stop to see if some daring soul is taking that leap of faith.



Hwy 64: From Cleveland, TN to Murphy, NC-- Here, you will experience the breathtaking Lake Ocoee, where you can stop off at the Visitor's Center to shop and see brave souls battle the

whitewater rapids in their crafts, while you enjoy a cold drink or cool down with an ice cream. This ride offers an abundance of winding roads surrounded by gorgeous nature that make for amazing photos and memories alike.

Hwy 11 to Little River Canyon, AL-- This route starts in Lookout Valley, TN and ends in Alabama. If you are in search of throttle therapy, then this should be on your "to ride" list. This path is very calm and serene, and mostly straight. Before you know it, your cares will be melted away, and you'll be renewed body, mind, and spirit. Ahhhhh.... Breathe in. Breathe out.

As for me, one of my all-time favorite rides is Suck Creek. I love the curves and the scenery. The combination is amazing. I see something new each time I ride it. When homeward bound, I travel back through South Pittsburg, and then through Lookout Valley. There are a few straight-aways on which I like to test my speeds and play. (Laugh if you must, but I have this little trick I do where I prop my feet on the back portion of my bike, and I look a little like Super Girl....it feels like I am flying!!) See, I knew I'd get a chuckle or two...

So, whether you are an adrenaline junkie, or getting your "zen" on is entirely up to you. Why not do both?! "I'll only ride out one tank" said no one ever! So, I ask, where does your path take you? How many tanks will you ride out?

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everyone was going kind of fast, but he kept up with them – with Marie on the back. After the ride, everyone was coming up to him telling him what a great rider he was. Well... that's because he and Marie had joined the fast group on the track!

If you know Ed, you know that he has a smile on his face 99.9% of the time. He was introduced as “Mr. Optimistic” at work. That nickname is well-deserved. On August 24, 2006, Ed was diagnosed with Stage 4 multiple organ melanoma. It had spread from his lungs to his brain. When the doctors told him they had never known anyone to survive his type and severity of cancer, he set out to prove them wrong. He asked for prayers from everyone he knew. Those friends and family told their friends and church families until he had thousands of prayers going up. He credits 2 years of chemo and God (mostly God, he emphasizes) with making him cancer free. He hasn't been sick, and doctors have found no cancer cells.

Ed still works every day as a Territorial Sales Manager for Jones-Hamilton Company where he's been employed for 15 years. He exercises for 30 minutes every morning and every evening to keep himself in tip-top riding shape. It must be working too. He says his 2012 Multistrada is daily rider, and the “most fun you can have on two wheels.” The funny thing is, at 63-years of age, we usually see Ed riding off on only one of those wheels!

Thanks for the inspiration, Ed!

Lora Erie

Today's peep is my good friend, a long time customer of Pandora's, Mr. Ed Jemison. Ed grew up in Clinton, MS then lived in Arkansas for 19 years. He started riding at the age of 14 when he tricked his dad into letting him get a motorcycle. His dad had told him that if he earned the money on his own, he could buy one. Yard by yard, \$3 a pop, Ed mowed lawns until he'd accumulated the \$250 needed to purchase a 1965 Yamaha Newport 50. (Note to new parents: Be weary of making deals with children!)

Upon entering 'adulthood', Ed joined the military. He was stationed at an Air Force base in Germany when he met his future wife, Marie. Marie is originally from a small town right outside of Dublin, Ireland. If you have had the chance to speak

with her, you probably detected a bit of that beautiful Irish accent. For those of you who don't know Marie has advanced dementia, but Ed says she's never lost her “sweetness”. Mr. and Mrs. Jemison will be married for 38 years this December 22nd. The couple has five children (three girls and two boys), and four grandchildren (three boys and one girl). Ed didn't ride while his kids were growing up. When his youngest was 17-years-old, Ed entered his second childhood and reignited his passion for motorcycles. He and Marie took their new bike – a BMW R1200 RT (Ed's 1st European bike!) to the US Desmo Rally. When they arrived, he wasn't sure where to go or what to do, so he followed a group of riders onto the track. He thought

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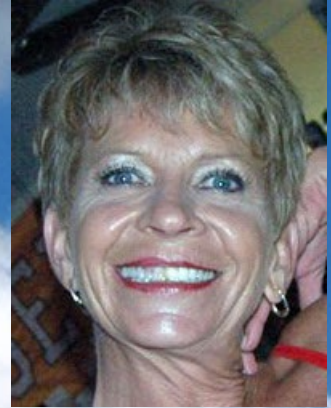
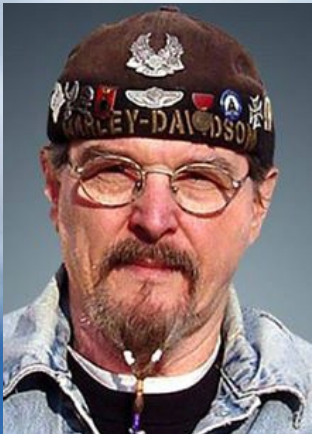
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Ken De Dycker jumps at the FIM
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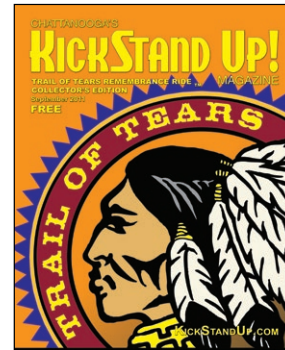
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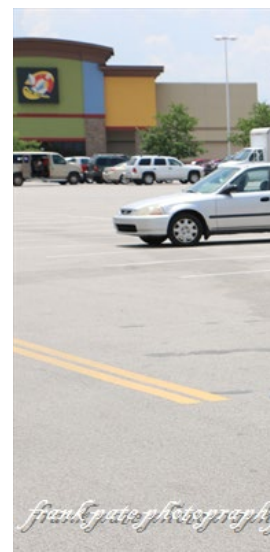
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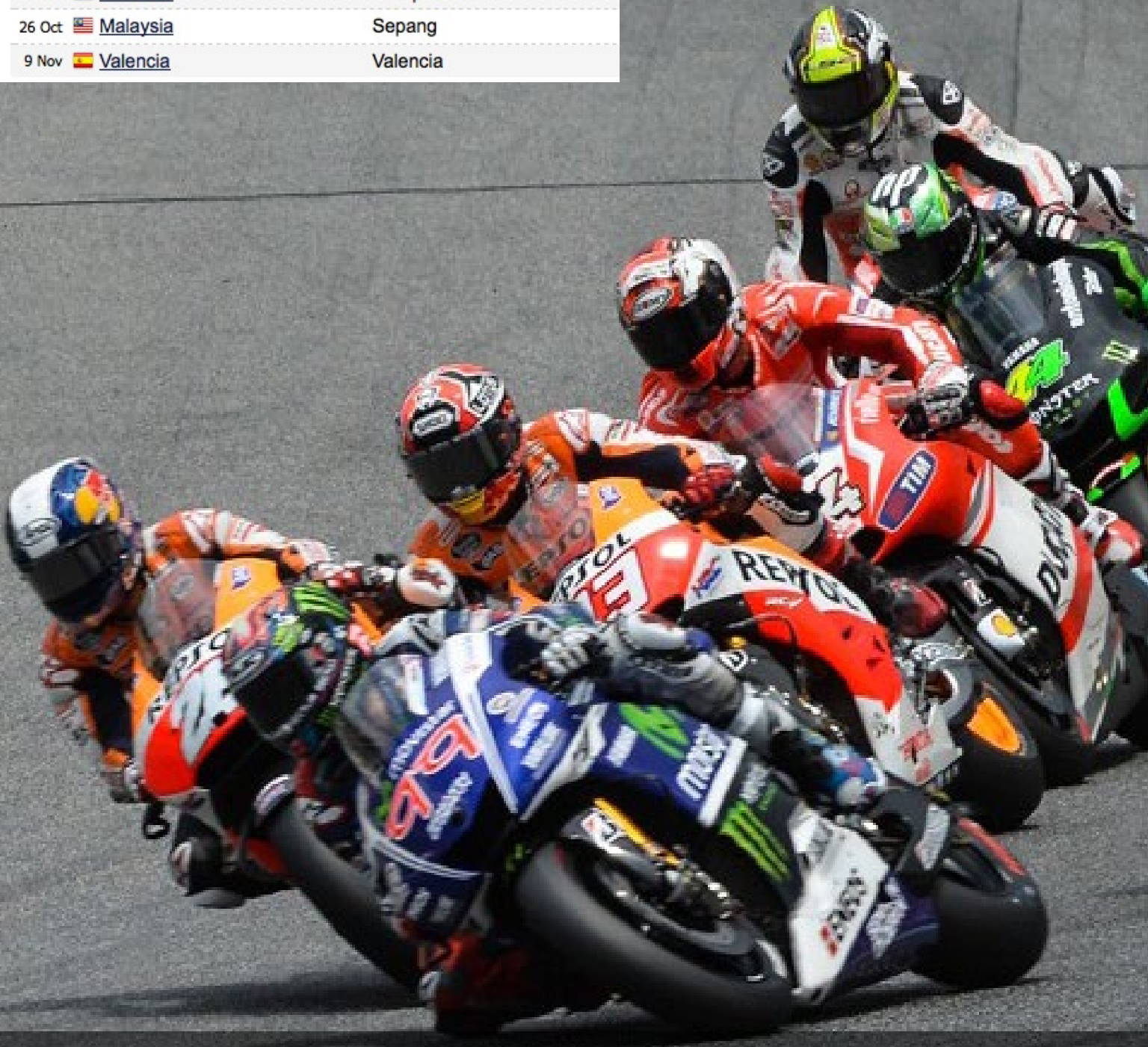
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Catalunya Post Race Comments

Marc Márquez:

"The last laps were so good, at my home track, all the fans helped me a little bit and it was very special to fight on the last laps with Valentino and Dani. I think everybody enjoyed those overtakes, and in the end the most important is that we got the 25 points."

Valentino Rossi:

"I think it's the best race, for sure the one I've enjoyed the most (this season). I thought I had the chance to win... In the last few laps Marc and Dani were able to keep a pace that was a little bit better than mine so I stayed there. In the end Dani tried to overtake (Marc) and I took second position, but it was impossible to win. It was a great job and I'm happy and we have to try and continue like this."

Dani Pedrosa:

"I was really pushing and I felt I could stay there to the end, and I pushed with three or four laps to go to stay with Marc. I tried my best in the last two laps but he started to change his lines immediately, going much tighter, so I found myself with less space and a few times I nearly touched him. In the last lap I tried but I touched him and I lost second. But I'm very happy with the performance and the battle, and also with how today went. No regrets, so really happy."



Dani Pedrosa stalks Marc Marquez setting up for a pass during the Circuit de Catalunya Grand Prix race on June 15, 2014 in Catalonia. Pedrosa bumped Marquez which caused him (Pedrosa) to lose position and finish third behind Valentino Rossi.



Mugello, Italy - 6/1/14

A fantastic race long battle with Jorge Lorenzo (Movistar Yamaha MotoGP) saw Marquez emerge victorious again. The Yamaha rider took an early lead but Marquez began to hunt him down after only the third lap. As the second half of the race began the battle became more intense with frequent passing.

Marquez eventually claimed victory by just 0.121s as both Spaniards dragged to the line. Valentino Rossi (Movistar Yamaha) completed the podium in third on his 300th GP start.

This win makes Marquez the first rider since 2002 to win six successive MotoGP races and the first rider since Giacomo Agostini in 1971 to win the opening six races of the year in the premier class. Marquez can now also claim a 50% win rate in MotoGP, an impressive stat.

“I’m really happy, I think this is the toughest race of this year. I was struggling in the beginning, Jorge was very strong mid corner. He carried a lot of speed. With the used tyres I felt better, like in the practice. Everything was perfect, we were able to overtake him on the straight due to a change we made to sixth gear. I’m really happy for the team too. We now go to the home track, it will be a difficult race, but we’ll try to fight for victory again,” he said looking back at the race.

Responding to a question on race strategy, he added, “When I passed Jorge I knew immediately he would come back. That’s why I didn’t push 100%. I was on the limit behind him so I pushed for one lap to try to be calm. On the last lap I pushed 100% to get the win.”

Catalunya, Spain - 6/15/14

The Gran Premi de Catalunya produced another brilliant race on Sunday, with Marc Marquez securing the victory on the final lap ahead of Valentino Rossi and Dani Pedrosa. Marquez crossed the line half a second in front of Movistar Yamaha MotoGP rider Rossi, surviving a late scare as Pedrosa touched his rear wheel in the final stages, the latter almost crashing and having to settle for third.

The win is the 100th for Honda in the modern MotoGP™ four-stroke era and the triumph for Marquez was also historic as it came on the same day as an earlier Moto3™ victory for his brother Alex Marquez – the first time 65 years of World Championship competition that siblings have won Grand Prix races on the same day.



Rossi led for much of the race with the Repsol Honda duo chasing him down in the final stages, with Pedrosa returning to form following his recent arm pump surgery and subsequent problems – only to make that late mistake. The threat of rain lingered for the duration of the race, though a light shower was short-lived.

Jorge Lorenzo (Movistar Yamaha MotoGP) followed the front three throughout the race but was never quite close enough to join the podium fight. He eventually crossed the finish line 2.7s behind Pedrosa. Stefan Bradl (LCR Honda MotoGP) rode a lonely race to fifth, starting in sixth position despite running wide early on, whilst Aleix Espargaro (NGM Forward Racing) finished just under two seconds in front of his brother Pol Espargaro (Monster Yamaha Tech3).

The top ten was completed by Andrea Dovizioso (Ducati Team), Andrea Iannone (Prima Racing) and Bradley Smith (Monster Yamaha Tech3).

Karel Abraham (Cardion AB Motoracing) crashed out early on, whilst Mike Di Meglio (Prima Racing) pulled off track midrace, the yellow flags caused by the Frenchman’s excursion initially distracting the front runners in their intense battle at the front.

Alvaro Bautista (GO&FUN Honda Gresini) and Cal Crutchlow (Ducati Team) both retired due to technical issues.

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having shown great pace in the second half of the race, his problem being a late decision to swap back from slicks to wets at the start. Rossi started from pit lane on wets, therefore, and recovered considerable ground before and after eventually the swap back to slicks.

Assen, Netherlands - 6/28/14

In a race which started after a delay due to wet conditions Marquez judged the 26-lap challenge to perfection, running with Dovizioso at the front in the early stages and asserting his authority as the riders changed to dry set-up machines on the seventh lap.

Marquez eventually clinched the win by 6.7s seconds to become the first rider since the great Giacomo Agostini in 1971 to win the first eight premier-class races of the year.

Dovizioso stepped onto the rostrum for the second time in 2014, with Pedrosa completing the podium after holding off the pursuing Aleix Espargaro (NGM Forward Racing) for several laps. Espargaro rode well to hold fourth, having started on pole on the 'Open' Forward Yamaha.

Valentino Rossi (Movistar Yamaha MotoGP) took fifth

Andrea Iannone (Pramac Racing), Alvaro Bautista (GO&FUN Honda Gresini), Bradley Smith (Monster Yamaha Tech3), Cal Crutchlow (Ducati Team) and Stefan Bradl (LCR Honda MotoGP) completed the top ten.

Broc Parkes (Paul Bird Motorsport) rode superbly to 11th having started from pit lane following a problem on the warm up lap. Pol Espargaro (Monster Yamaha Tech3) retired with six laps to go after crashes on slicks and then wet tyres.

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Morning Commute

WAKE UP!! That's basically what my iPhone is saying when it goes off at 03:00 hours. I planned to ride in to work this morning and there are a few Ducs that need to be in a row before I head out. You see, now that I'm a bit older (48 this month) and my family is established, my commute time has become a significant portion of my Motorcycle Enthusiast Ride Time; to that end, it's the details that will make or break my 'MERT' ride. The little things like coffee now or when I get to work; which jackets to wear, Doc Martins or Alpinestars;; earplugs or headphones; the short black gloves or the gauntlet road racers; also, not forgetting to bring a daytime face-shield for the journey home. (Some folks are cool riding with jeans and

a shirt. I'm not that guy). Details can make or break a good ride.

For me, commuting lends itself to putting on my super-slab 'race-face'. Even at 04:00 there are quite a few obstacles that need anticipating-- from varmints to tractor trailers. Riding in the dark has its challenges as well: being visible on a small bike can sometimes be a challenge. Some of the highways I will ride will be smooth; others will be irregular with painful expansion joints. I'm on a Ducati Monster so my behind will either be happy or not-- based on my route and lane selection. Another consideration is my fuel level-- the Duc has a fairly short range of about 135 miles before reserve and riding a daily round trip of 90 miles calls for careful fuel consumption, or else!

All of this notwithstanding, a question might be asked: 'why not drive?' I have the option of a sports car and also a truck. What is it about riding on as opposed to riding in? What I feel on the road-- backpack on, wind in the face, the mellow roar of the Remus exhaust, at that time of morning is a continual feeling of accomplishment. You know that feeling... the one you get when you cut the yard, or when you tie a perfect Windsor knot. For me, it's THAT feeling the entire ride! I'm in my own place, surfing above the asphalt, observing what is going

on around me and feeling exposure to the elements. I conquer my journey one mph at a time. I'm riding a motorcycle; and as I ride, THAT is what is on my mind.

I'm not thinking about commitments or responsibilities; I'm thinking about, and am always cognizant of, being in the moment, on my ride. My hand position on the bars; the balls of my feet-- their purchase on the pegs. As the road banks, being sure that my line is PURE. Sometimes the ride is not smooth; my foot goes numb, my ear bud works it way out and wind noise plagues the rest of the ride. Lord have mercy, sometimes my CHEEK goes numb- that never seems to fix itself before I pull into the parking lot. It might take away from the ride, but it never changes my perspective of the ride.

After all of that, one might ask if it's worth it. So much preparation. Making the commitment to NOT use the security afforded me with doors and bumpers. For me, it is. You see, I love to ride. I enjoy attempting to achieve the perfect shift, the perfect line. I love the sound of that naked air cooled twin at 4800 rpm. I love the way I think I look at 75 on the highway. When I get off the bike, I love the way that I feel as a motorcyclist. I am a rider.

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