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FROM THE EDITORS

Three saves in one day made for a rewarding ride. No, I'm not taking about keeping from wrecking three times. I'm talking about three turtle saves during one ride. You see, I am a founding member of MFTR or Motorcyclists' For Turtle Rescue. We are a small, but passionate group of riders that stop to rescue turtles anytime we see them crossing a roadway. For some reason, there are some sickos in cages that like to see if they can squash them, so it is our job to relocate them to prevent this from happening. It's a thankless job, but someone needs to do it. I'm sure many of you have done the same thing at one time or another. It's a deed that just makes a person feel good inside.

MFTR



MOTORCYCLISTS FOR TURTLE RESCUE

I was out early on my KBike to beat the heat. The morning was cool and there was a little fog, a result of the rain the night before. Both of these elements make for perfect turtle saving weather. The little buggers seem to really get moving after a good rain. My journey that day would take me from Tennessee, into Alabama, Georgia, and back home. My rescue total for the year had only been one turtle, I was off to a dismal start.

I had just passed the Raccoon Mountain pumping station when I saw my first rescue crossing the highway. I turned the KBike around, parked, and gently picked him/her up, and moved it to the side of the road. Of course its' head went into its' shell immediately out of fear. It must not have recognized the MFTR t-shirt I was wearing.

Then, back on the bike, I hit Hwy. 41 toward Guild, Tennessee, then left on Hwy. 156, over the ridge, and along the Nickajack reservoir. I ascended Sand Mountain on Hwy. 156A. After reaching the top of the mountain I spotted my second turtle. It had just started across so I stopped and helped it along. This was a Georgia turtle. Two saves in one day, I was pumped as I rode across the top of Sand Mountain. Before long I was entering Alabama. I hadn't ridden 10 miles in Alabama when I saw my third turtle in the center of Hwy. 75. After moving him to the other side I realized that I had just set a new record for myself. Not only had I saved three turtles in one day, but I had saved each one of them in a different state. I'm sure this personal record will last for years to come, but I'll be striving to better it.

LTRAKB,
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Hello! I hope everyone out there is enjoying their summer – hot though it is. Where once I was excited about spring and riding, now I can't stop thinking about the upcoming fall rides. For now I just try and make my riding time early and cool, or if I must ride in the mid-day heat – I seek every "air conditioned" road on my route. Seriously, have you ever went down Boy Scout Road along the creek in the middle of summer and just let out a big sigh of heat relief? Lower Mill Road is another good one. I guess I need to make a map or two for those of you not familiar with these lovely roads down Hixson way. On the other end of that, if you have some great little roads that are cool to ride on, please share! I'd love to hear about them.

Trail of Tears Motorcycle Ride [TOT], September 17. Wow, it's almost here. Did you realize that we, as a motorcycle community, are part of some pretty big history here in Chattanooga? Founder, Bill Cason, was telling the KSU Crew that 40,000 PLUS riders come into Chattanooga for the Trail of Tears Ride each year. Add thousands more who join up along the way to Florence, and the numbers are staggering! KickStand Up! Magazine is proud to be a sponsor, and we're super excited about our upcoming Trail of Tears Special Edition September issue. This issue plans to be filled with history, TOT related stories, maps, and more. You won't want to miss it, and if you're a local business who wants to be seen by the masses coming for the ride – you'll want to take advantage of our special TOT section one time ad rates. Just ask any of our sales staff [page6] and they'll fill you in.

So yes – you are a big part of history here, and we want to hear your story. Did you get married at the TOT? Did your whole family ride in it together? Did you ride on the famous 2001 TOT right after 9/11? Send us your stories, photos, and ideas! Let your memories become part of written history in the September, KickStand Up! Magazine. I can't wait to hear from y'all!

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CMT/ABATE continues effort to raise motorcycle awareness



CMT / ABATE Members gather at Mac's Pub before distributing "Look Twice Save a Life Motorcyclist" trash bags to the three visitor centers located in the Chattanooga area.

local project is our annual **"Motorcycle Awareness Ride"** that occurred on Sunday, July 24th. This parade ride started at Hooters and ended at Thunder Creek H-D with live music by the band Boneyard Moses and cold drinks.

Ride Safe
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In May of 2011 the Tennessee Legislature started the annual "Motorcycle Awareness" campaign by proclamation declaring May as motorcycle awareness month.

Concerned Motorcyclist of Tennessee [CMT] / American Bikers Active Toward Education [ABATE] continues the effort to raise motorcycle awareness through various programs working with the departments of safety, transportation and tourism funded by grants from federal

and state governments. One of the programs the Tennessee Valley Charter participated in was the delivery of thirteen thousand small trash bags that were distributed between the Nickajack, Tiftonia and East Ridge visitor centers here. The bags are safety orange and display the message "Look Twice Save a Life Motorcyclist." These bags are made available to tourist coming into Tennessee.

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In The Headlight

Harley Owners Group: HOG

The Harley-Davidson Owner's Group (HOG) is a national organization founded by Harley-Davidson Motor Company. Anyone who owns a Harley-Davidson can join; in fact, when you buy a new Harley-Davidson from any H-D dealer, you automatically become a National HOG member free for the first year. There are over 1400 local chapters, all sponsored by the local H-D dealer for each area. National membership does not include local membership, so if you choose to join locally, you must do this separately. Here in Chattanooga, Thunder Creek Harley-Davidson is our sponsor. The chapter is known as the Thunder Creek Harley Owner's Group, or TCHOG.

Benefits for HOG members include an opportunity to meet fellow Harley loving riders, new friends, engage in fun activities, and lots of rides. If that isn't enough, HOG members also enjoy roadside assistance,



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a subscription to HOG magazine, discounts at your local Harley dealer, patches, pins, and a very high quality detailed Touring Guide. There is a discount on AT&T wireless service, discounts at Best Western Hotels and access to the H.O.G. fly and ride program. As a HOG member you have access to so many programs, rides, activities, and competitions throughout the year that keeping up with them can truly fill up all your free time!

If you are interested in joining the local HOG chapter, you may email Membership Officer Joy Long at joylong@epbfi.com or if you'd like to attend a meeting first to assess your interest in the group, TCHOG meets the second Monday of each month at the Country Place Restaurant on Shallowford Road, dinner at 6 pm, meeting at 7 pm.



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It's Just Not The Same In ITALY

During my trip to Italy I noticed that the motorcycle landscape is much different there than it is here in America. One of the most interesting things I found was that in the city of Siena, cars are not allowed, but motorcycles are, so they were everywhere! Streets were lined with mostly Scooters but also ATV's, sport bikes (usually naked), motards, and adventure bikes. Yes, I left out cruisers and included ATV's. ATV's are street legal and fairly common, while I only saw a total of 5 cruisers- 3 Honda, 2 Harley. The only Harley riders I met were from the good ole USA (They rode from Venice to Siena). In fact, I saw a group ride, and everyone was on a naked sport bike and wearing full leathers rather than the common all-cruiser picture we see.

The bikes themselves are also different. They have bikes we can't even get here. The engines are all smaller sizes than here in the US, and the motards are usually 2 stroke 50cc's or 125cc's. The streets are littered with brands we don't see much of here in America like Aprilia, Beta, Generic (yes, someone named a brand generic), Kymco, Moto Guzzi, Peugeot, Vespa, etc. On top of those, they have just as many bikes from the

Japanese Big 4 as we have here, Honda being the most common brand I saw while I was there by a landslide.

Common question I get: Were Ducatis and Aprilias everywhere? No. I was surprised to see that they really weren't. They're slightly more common there than here, but not by much. When I did see one I was excited! They were always very nice and well kept.

While I was there I also ran into a few motorcycle shops. One in Follonica sold Honda Scooters and Peugeot. Their entire display consisted of one Honda scooter, and one Peugeot scooter. I walked into the shop, and it was all very clean and tight, but I couldn't find anyone there. I took a look around, and walked back out. The second dealership I visited sold Beta and Kymco in Follonica. It was a nice shop filled with bikes. I talked to the owner, and asked how business was going, and asked how Betas sold in Italy (being a Beta dealer myself). He said that he sold mostly scooters and a lot of Motards. We talked about racing and he showed me around. The next shop was in Rome and sold Husqvarna and Vespa. It was closed, but had a much nicer facility than the others.

All-in-all, the motorcycling landscape there is just different. Motorcycles are seen as a real necessity over there rather than a community. Motorcycles are needed get around narrow roads and cities that only allow motorcycles. It fits



Kathy Klie

their lifestyle, but I love how in America, motorcyclists are a community of people that understand each other and look out for one another. I think that by it being a necessary part of life in Italy that they get away from that idea. No one waves. They cut each other off. The first day in Italy I said I wanted to find a bike to ride. The second day I changed my mind. I'm sure there's great riding somewhere there, but not where I was. In Chattanooga, we sometimes take for granted that we have a great city where it is safe to ride, there are beautiful mountains only a 20 minute ride from anywhere, and if I see you broken down on the side of the road on your bike, I'm going to stop and see if I can help, and the freeway signs are lit up with "watch for motorcycles."

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John Dunn's father, Robert Dunn
Submitted by Cynthia Dunn



After reading the article in your July magazine about Vintage Family Motorcycles, I was compelled to send this picture in. This is a picture of my late father, **Kenneth Lee Hales** (1944-2010). Not sure of the exact date of this picture, but it was around 1963. He was a Navy Radioman stationed in Puerto Rico when this picture was taken. I am not sure of the make and model of his bike either. This picture was originally a slide that was scanned and converted into a digital image.

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Families That Ride Together MEET THE NOWLINS



Horace and Cindy Nowlin are typical parents of typical teenagers, doing all the things it takes to raise good children and make ends meet - except on race weekends when they become teammates with their sons Tyler, 19 and Cody, 17. Horace keeps the bikes running, Cindy keeps the operation running, Tyler and Cody twist throttles. This family found a lifetime of shared experiences and commonalities in motocross. As Cindy says, "Where else would your kids be with you on a Saturday night?!"

Horace has been into motorcycles about as long as he's been into walking. He raced in Middle Tennessee in the 1970s at a track (The Widowmaker) owned by the father-in-law of the current track owner of Fast Farms MX Park and Christiana MX Park. Horace enjoyed racing but spent most of his days on hill climbs and trails in Coalmont, Tennessee. Cindy was more interested in traditional sports and loved baseball in particular. She had no idea how life was about to change.

The Nowlins spent a few years doing normal family things, and in the world of athletics the kids played team sports. Tyler got the bug first and decided he was going to get a dirt bike. He started mowing lawns and saving, even going to Disney World and restraining from spending a dollar of his savings. At age 12 he bought his first dirt bike, a 1984 Honda CRF85. Cody was right behind him.

During the 2004-2005 season the Nowlins went to their first race. The race was at a TNT track in Monteagle, Tennessee. It would set the tone for the story of this motocross family.

Tyler raced on his '84 Honda CRF85 and Cody on a Honda CRF70. This was the first AMA race for the Nowlins, and the costs involved were surprising. A staff member at the race pointed out to Tyler that "in the smaller classes, it's more about the machine than it is about the rider." The man was referring to Tyler's '84 Honda, comparing it to another rider's pretty new bike. Tyler isn't one to let things get under his skin though; he was simply thrilled to be at a race. He took to the track and brought back a 7th place. Cody had a good race too, racing with the older kids as he

often does, and placed 10th. The kid with the shiny new bike placed 13th. You see, the Nowlins aren't flashy they're just fast.

The Nowlins were coming together. Baseball and the other sports were fading into the background and motocross was taking over. They rented out tracks with friends for the kids to practice on, and Tyler and Cody both improved. Cody was riding a trail bike at the time, and the Nowlins decided to replace it with a 65cc motocross bike. In his next race Cody placed 3rd, and the Nowlins were completely hooked.

For the parents it was simple. Cindy says, "when they try their best and you can see it in their faces, it's all worth it." Cody often remarks that he likes knowing that how he rides in a race is on him 100%. Good or bad, Cody gets out exactly what he puts in. He is no more competitive than Tyler who rides because he just can't help it.

Tyler rides, "because it's fun, mostly." Tyler often floats ahead of the other riders, saying hi to the flaggers and photographers as he goes by. He looks into the crowd and notices everything. Then he gets back to racing. It didn't take long for Tyler to learn about Loretta Lynn's and decide he wanted to race there before he graduated from high school. The Nowlins got more serious about motocross racing and started traveling to qualifiers and races all over the country. By 2008 they were planning their year around the qualifiers for Loretta



Lynn's. The summer before his senior year, Tyler qualified and raced in the C class on a 2006 Yamaha YZ250. He placed 5th overall in his class and earned one Holeshoot award which gave him a trip to the podium and a \$100 gift card. Not bad for a soft-spoken kid from Hillsboro.

Cody was on his way to qualifying for Loretta's this year, wanting to race on his brother's YZ250, but the YZ lost 2nd gear in Cody's second qualifying moto, and they couldn't find a replacement anywhere nearby. Cody was riding great too. That's how it goes for a lot of riders every year. Cody says, "there's always next year and that's just more time to practice."

Families that play together do indeed stay together. Finding that common thread can be tricky, but it's not impossible. Cindy Nowlin will tell you, "It has helped my family become happier and better connected with each other. Nowadays family dinners can occur even on a Saturday night at home, because that's just what we do now."

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My wife Ally loves baking. She makes some wicked cookies and cakes and has been known to whip out impromptu snacks on a whim using cake batter, cereal, and chocolate as well as other assorted treats found in the pantry. But when it comes to beer bread, she leaves that up to me.

The great thing about Beer Bread is that it can use any type of beer to change up the flavor, you can add just about anything you want in the way of spices or chopped peppers etc. And, you can cook it as a loaf of bread, mini loaves and even muffin style version.

Oh yea, did I mention that it contains beer? Of course I am partial to my Pabst Blue Ribbon. But I've used others with equal success. Several, several issues back I touched on beer bread and even beer hushpuppies. I think this updated version will make you some fine slices.

Beer bread is best used the same day and is amazing toasted up in the oven with a bit of pulled pork barbecue, chicken or beef covered with some pepper Jack Cheese. Enjoy!

Kent's Barbecue Beer Bread

For the plain version, just leave out the barbecue and barbecue sauce.

- 4-1/3 c. self-rising flour
- 2 tsp. sugar
- 1 Tbsp. pancake syrup
- 1/2 Tbsp. honey
- 2 eggs beaten
- 1 can of Pabst Blue Ribbon
- 1 c. fine shredded pork barbecue
- Minced onion
- Minced jalapeno peppers
- 3 Tbsp. favorite barbecue sauce

Mix all ingredients in a bowl. Place in greased bread pan and bake for 55 minutes at about 350 degrees. You can also cook it on a covered grill using offset medium high heat. If you cook on the grill I suggest using mini loaf pans or muffin pans. Cover with foil if the top browns too much. Check with toothpick or knife for doneness.

Kent Whitaker is a Cookbook author and culinary writer with eight books. He is also member of, and an AUXCHEF trainer for the United States Coast Guard Aux. He and his wife Ally consider themselves as recreational riders and live in East Tennessee. Kent's books are available at any book store or online at www.thedekchef.com

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Kevin had raced motocross for seven years and even raced professionally. He gave all that up when he and his wife had a divine calling to the Lord's ministry. They both attended local college and then went to Tulsa, Oklahoma to attend Rhema Bible Training Center, a non denominational seminary program, where Kevin was ordained as a Minister.

In 1995, Kevin and Cassie began the path of what God had called them to do as youth pastors to a church. But in 1995, God called them back to the sport that Kevin had left behind to go to seminary. That calling is what is now called, Mxers



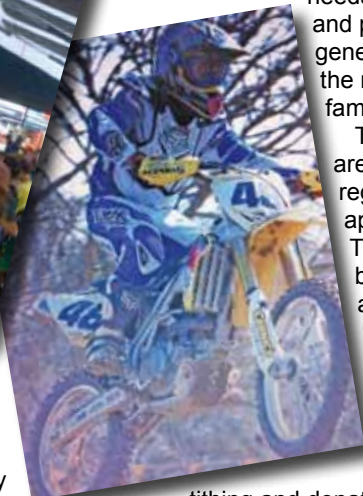
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For Jesus. God does work in mysterious ways.

Kevin, Cassie and Austin spend most of their life on the road going from one race to another all over the country. Austin is home schooled, or should I say.... R.V. schooled, to enable the family to be together full time.

Mxers for Jesus has grown in an awesome way. And why have they grown so much? Because there is an absolute need and desire for them at the races. They provide church services before races, they are there for anyone that



needs their counsel and prayer, and to generally support the riders and their families.

The Cozadds are highly regarded and appreciated. They are a true blessing and an asset to the motocross community. Their ministry is solely supported on unsolicited

tithing and donations.

They are a non-profit organization and have no outside support from any one denomination. All donations are from people who appreciate and believe in what they are doing.

They will be attending the Ponca City Nationals the last week of July and the Loretta Lynn National the first week of August. Mxers for Jesus has been invited to attend the AMA, FIM Motocross Jr. World Championships in Cingoli, Italy. This is a great opportunity for the Cozadds to take their ministry onto the international motocross scene. But this takes money, and they are leaving it in the Lord's Hands on whether or not they will be able to attend.

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Anyone who is anyone attends this particular national. It's the place to get noticed from industries and sponsors. A place to prove to yourself that you can run with all the top riders. Most importantly, a place to be yourself.

They definitely have the craziest races in the world though. All races are held in 100+ degree weather, and they are all very long. With 1,386 of the best riders riding on one track, the course can become brutal. To make conditions even worse, you can always count on a rain to come and make the track extremely muddy.

Other than racing though, riders and their families can enjoy other activities throughout the week. Pros come through signing autographs for the fans. Concerts and dances are held at night, along with karaoke and movies. One of the coldest creeks to ever encounter runs through the back side making cooling off easy, which gives everyone a chance to relax.

With all of this being said, this isn't what makes it all so much fun. It's the people you meet and family you spend time with that does. Some of the nicest people I have ever met have been here along with some of my best friends. For the most part, everyone cares about the well being of each other, and everyone wants to see each other succeed. Friendships you gain here will last you a life time.

Loretta Lynn's is more than a race. All the hard work one puts into their racing all pays off here. Friendships are gained, and dreams



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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?

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Athletes from every sport have a warm up as part of their pre-event strategy. Most motocross racers (besides the pros) warm up just before they race. Bicycle racer Lance Armstrong warms up on a training bike for a before the start of stage race. I have seen him do it.

Cold muscles are not as flexible. When you don't warm up, you are asking yourself to go from a rested and relaxed to full all out in seconds. It's like racing on your cold engine, not good thing. It needs to warm up and so do you. Of course, not to mention the added strain that your heart endures, especially in the heat, can lead to other health issues and sometimes death.

While we are talking about the heat, just because you are out in the hot weather, that does not count. It makes getting to that point easier but that is all. You need motion exercises.

I suggest a RUN IN PLACE followed by some PUSHUPS.

A STRETCHING ROUTINE should follow, only followed by a minor warm up routine if you have a Stationary Bike that will work. At any MONSTER SUPERCROSS SERIES or LUCAS OIL OUTDOOR MOTOCROSS SERIES you will find stationary bikes in the pits, they are not there for the looks either. They are there to warm-up and keep warmed up.

Basically, you just want orient yourself to the event. Plus you will be surprised at the confidence this will give you on the line.

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In The Headlight

Mason



Stacey Birket

When Mason Birket was born, he glanced over his shoulder to make sure he got the whole shot. He realized his older sister, Arlie, made it out first, and Mason has had his eye on the prize ever since. He got his first dirt bike at age five and his first 1st place in the Briar Hill Series at Meadow Creek at the age of six. As founder of MX Paparazzi, Mason's mother, Stacey, is always on the track with him shooting photos. Mason's father, Joel, is the team mechanic and the original #172, the number Mason now proudly wears. Mason's sister, Arlie, never misses a race either, and is always trackside cheering her brother on to victory.

On any given Saturday Mason can be found practicing his lines, and on any given Sunday he can be found at the gates, ready to twist that throttle and go head to head with some of the best riders in the Southeast. Mason's favorite track is Fast Farms MX Park in Altamont, Tennessee, and he is currently racing in The Big Show Race Series at Fast Farms MX Park, Christiana MX Park and Meadow Creek. Mason currently races on a King Cobra 50cc for the 51cc 7-8 yr old class and

the 51cc open class. He also rides a KTM 65cc in the 65cc 7-9 yr old class and is a member of the ROCK (Riders of Christ's Kingdom) racing team in Middle Tennessee.

Mason placed 16th last year at the Mini Olympics in Gainesville, Florida, 4th place in the Arenacross Tour Series, and is looking forward to placing well in the Mid South Productions Big Show Race Series this year. He had the opportunity to train last summer with pros Travis Preston, Jeremy Nash and Jacob Saylor. He loves big jumps but lately his training focus has been on corners. Mason's favorite quote is, "Jump for show, corner for dough."

Mason's sponsors include: Ripxx, Powerband Racing, MX Paparazzi, Cool Springs Powersports, Barber Cycles, Wiseco, EVS, Fly Gear, Pirelli, Maxima, Scott, Leatt Brace, FMF, Bent Graphics, MX Trader.net, No Toil, Bell Helmets, Travis Preston MX Schools, Fouch Motocross Academy, and Mid South Productions.

Andy Harper



MUGELLO Moto GP

A 40 minute walk to the train station, a train ride to Florence, another train to the small town of Borgo San Lorenzo, 15 minutes waiting for a bus, 15 more minutes waiting for a second bus because the first one was full, then another 20 minute walk to the track. This is what it took for me to get to the Mugello Circuit, but the Italian's spirit for the race combined with the excitement of each battle for position made the trip seem like a short walk through the park.

This year's race at Mugello was a story of Casey Stoner and Jorge Lorenzo. The race started with Stoner leading in first and Lorenzo struggling to keep up in second. Stoner was very strong at the beginning of the race. Before the race, he had been given some advice to run a different tire pressure than he had originally been running and it seemed to be working out for him. Cold tires at the beginning

of the race were no issue for our leader as he broke the track record early on. Three laps down and he already had made an almost 2 second gap on Jorge Lorenzo.

His victory seemed to be sealed, but the tire pressure he was running combined with comparably hot weather caused him to boil his tires pretty quickly. As Stoner's lap times increased, Andrea Dovizioso capitalized when Lorenzo ran wide and started a battle for second. Lorenzo eventually sets him up and passes him back, then Dovi runs wide sealing the deal in Lorenzo's favor.

8 laps to go and Stoner's tire is shot (if you still have it recorded, watch how shaky Stoner looks at this point). Lorenzo gains quickly, and, long-story-short, passes for the lead. Once Lorenzo has the lead, he breaks the track record AGAIN (only to be broken again by Stoner the next day in Monday practice). Stoner's tire issues leave him with a third place finish behind Dovizioso.

The funny thing is, while all of

this was going on, the crowd was worried about what was happening with Valentino Rossi. Things haven't been going well for Rossi since he switched to the Italian Ducati, and Qualifying 12th at Mugello wasn't his idea of the start of a good day. Though his qualifying times haven't been the best, he always does better when it comes to race time. He didn't start well, but he fought his way up to 6th, and solidified his position after a fight with Hector Barbera.

The excitement in the crowd was amazing for their Italian 9 time world champion. I actually filmed the crowd. As the leaders passed you could almost hear crickets, then as Rossi passes flags start waving, arms fly in the air, and cheers fill the valley (I uploaded the video to my channel on YouTube, Griffithcycle). My trip to Italy was definitely an experience that I will remember for the rest of my life. If anyone has a chance to visit the race in Mugello or any other Moto GP race, don't pass it up!

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keeping me awake.

The next morning I jumped out of bed at 5 am and hopped in the pre-loaded and packed up truck. The plan was to drive the 2.5 hours to Barber Motorsports Park with time to spare for the 8:15 am Riders Meeting (Birmingham is an hour back). This was to be partially a Pandora's promotional event and partially a day for me to practice my passion.

Head pounding and mind foggy I get to the track with no incident, unload the bike from the trailer and go through my normal pre-ride inspection. Tires were good at 30 in the front and 31 in the rear, tape over all necessary parts...off to Tech inspection. Talk with the coaches at inspection about the bike, mix it up with some familiar faces, things are smooth....this is going to be a good trackday.

After the riders meeting Intermediate is the first group out. I head out for a very relaxed two warm up laps to scrub in my new tires and re-wire my brain for Barber....after all it's been nearly a year since I crashed here at Charlotte's Web (turn 5). This

is a very different experience from our Private Trackdays as I am on the track with up to 40 other riders.

Fast forward eight hours and I'm exhausted physically and mentally. I am loading the bike back into the trailer after one of the most humbling and best learning days I have ever had at the racetrack. The Intermediate group was fast that day, I would pass one rider only to be out braked by three others heading into the next turn, and have a couple more out drive me from the apex. This happened all...day....long. The nice thing about trackday participants is they are willing to give you advice if you ask. I learned a lot about my technique and what I was lacking from talking with other riders in the pits.

Point is a good day at the track doesn't necessarily mean you spent most of your time passing riders. You can get your butt handed to you and have a blast doing it!

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The Print Shop Staff from left to right: Teresa Kirby, Jackie Rogers, Colt Fielden, Danny Danahy, Robbie and Sam Burkhart. Peter Hanson front and center.

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bought it. Although Wendy owns half of the business, she and Peter have maintained a wonderful marriage by not working together. Wendy is a high school counselor in Whitfield County, Georgia.

I met Peter a few days ago to interview him for this story. I invited him to ride with the GWRRA on a ride through the Hellbender road course the next day, which happened to be Saturday. He and

his wife graciously accepted and I found that not only is his product of the highest quality but he and Wendy are as well. Although they ride a Harley Ultra Limited, they fit right in with the Gold Wingers and we all had a great ride and a great time.

Peter and Wendy met 1971 while she was in college traveling abroad in England where Peter was living. He impressed her by pulling up on a BSA Bantam. This, according to Peter, was a 175cc motorcycle that would reach speeds of 40-50 mph. It would hit 60 going down hills. He told me that the bike spent more time behind his garage because as a college student, he did not have the funds to keep fixing the bike. He would leave it behind the garage in hopes that it would heal itself. Fate was kind to Peter that day as his bike ran and he was able to impress Wendy as the hard core biker that he is.

They married and spent the first 5 years of their life together living in England. [That must have been some bike.] In 1978 they moved to Wendy's hometown of Rochester, NY. That lasted through one winter where Peter decided that Rochester winters were a bit much. He got a job as a analyst for a large carpet manufacturer in Dalton GA where the winters were more to his liking. He had quit riding motorcycles while raising his two daughters but after his oldest daughter got into motorcycling he and Wendy again got the bug. So after 34 years of not riding he bought a Honda VTX1300 which they rode for several years and then he decided to buy a larger touring bike. Something that was key in his decision was that he wanted to buy an American made product. So he purchased a Harley-Davidson Ultra Classic. They love it!

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THE HOOCH

Dual Sport Ride



Every June, the Georgia Recreational Trail Riders Association (GARTRA) holds a two day dual sport ride in the Chattahoochee National Forest north of Dahlonega, GA. For at least the past five years, John Medicus from Woodstock, GA has been organizing and running the event. It's hard to imagine how much time and effort goes into staging an organized dual sport ride, but John makes it look easy....it's not. There are usually about 100 riders from all over the southeast who ride it every year. If you ride a dual sport motorcycle, you will love this event.

This year I came to the ride with Rick Trimble and Will Perry; both extremely competent local riders with lots of off-road racing experience. Because this ride was designed for novice and experienced motorcyclists, I'd been concerned that they would be bored and not have a chance to use their skills. I shouldn't have worried – as in the past, the routes for both days had a wide variety of different features with bypass and shortcut options for those riders who are on big adventure bikes or have more street oriented tires. There are also technical sections on each day's ride that will require your full attention, and on Saturday's route, there is the opportunity to explore the technical trails in the Whissenhunt ORV area that is maintained and improved by GARTRA's dedicated volunteers. So, there's something for everybody and we all got in plenty of good riding.

Accommodations and Camping

For the past four years or so, the "Hooch" has been based at the Old Mill Campground, which is at the intersection of Skeenah Gap Road and Highway 60, about 30 miles north of Dahlonega, GA. There are hookups for motor homes and campers; sites for tents along with showers and restrooms. There is a large covered pavilion where you register for the rides, and also eat dinner on Saturday night after day one. If you don't want to camp, there are several motels in

Dahlonega, but it is 30 miles away. At noon on each day, lunch is provided for the riders at a local store or back at the campground. There are gas stations on the routes, so as long as your range is 80 miles or more, you don't have to carry extra gas.

Requirements

In order to participate in this well run, AMA sanctioned event, there are several requirements for you and your bike. First, you must pre-register and pay before the entry deadline which is usually around May 20th. Don't even think about just showing up and expecting to ride. It costs about \$50 per day to participate and that is a real bargain. Your bike must be street legal, licensed, have a USFS approved spark arrestor and a muffler which must pass a "92 dba at 20" sound check. You will need to have a roll chart holder mounted on your bike's handle bar to load the route charts for each day's ride. If you've not used a roll chart, anyone

at registration will be glad to help you. Your gas tank should be full and have a range of at least 80 miles. Of course, having good tires (50/50 street, dirt or knobbies) and everything else in good mechanical condition is critical. The vast majority of bikes used on this ride are 250 - 800 cc. A large adventure bike could be ridden, but it would be unwieldy and possibly dangerous on the technical sections.

GARTRA

GARTRA was founded in 1992 as a non-profit, member-managed club. It builds and maintains trails in Georgia; sponsors trail rides, dual sport rides, charity events and fun days. A monthly newsletter is sent to members. There are monthly meetings and a Christmas Party. To find out more or to join contact www.gartra.com.

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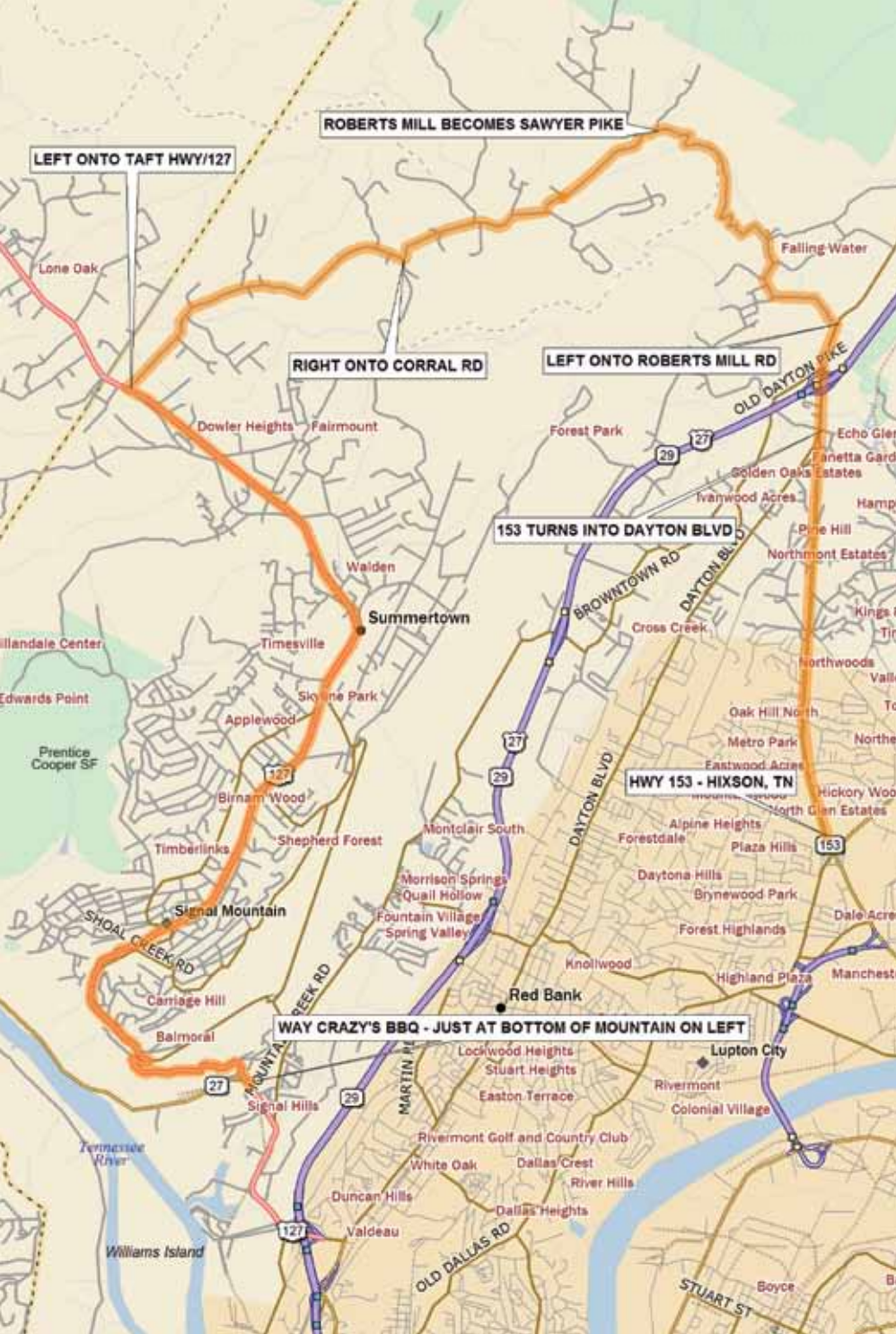
Crusty Crummageon just called and says he needs a nice, easy, little back roads to eat somewhere. He must have a second date and this time she must be insisting that they go somewhere with real plates and silverware. I'd hazard a guess that she is sophisticated but the fact that she is going out with him again suggests otherwise. It is a short nice evening ride.

So here is a good suggestion and a nice little ride for dinner some night. Most of you know it but for those who don't, or maybe for those who just haven't tried it lately here goes. Way Crazy's BBQ. Enjoy!

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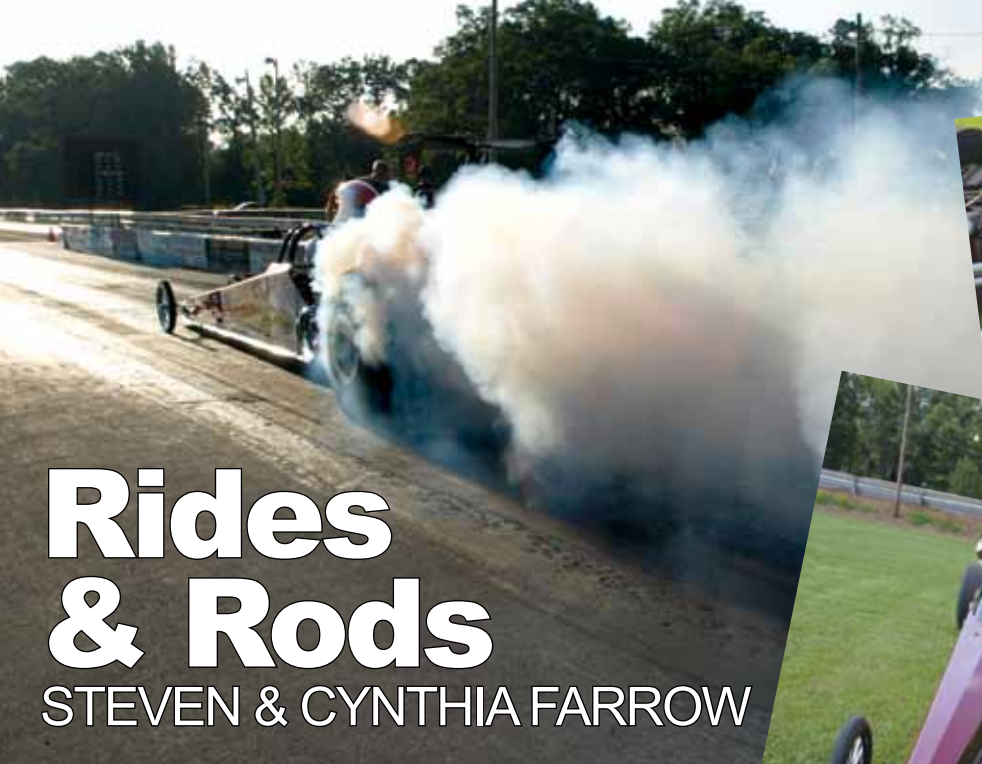
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Cynthia participates in the NHRA and IHRA races. She started racing in 1993 at 15 years old. She is the only female winner of a \$5000 race at Brainerd Optimist Drag strip. Winner of the IHRA divisional in Steele AL. Cynthia is the real deal. She is a racer's racer. She's the one that wears the fire suit in the family. She works as an ultrasonographer. Her dad, Ronnie Warnock is her crew chief.

Rod: Steven – A 2001 Worthy rear engine dragster 240 inch wheel base, 582 Ci Chevy engine/ 2 Speed power glide transmission; 4.75 et at 140mph in 1/8 mile; 7.40 et at 180mph in 1/4 mile.

They run super comp and top dragster, NHRA and IHRA. Steven started racing in 1993. The car owners are Jerry and Cindy Wilson of Flintstone GA. The crew chief is Jerry Wilson. Team member Dave Schmidt

Drag racing is how Steven and Cynthia met. They are the owners of Farrow Motorsports and Farrow's Service Center Inc. in Chattanooga [See ad on this page].

A special note: Farrow Motorsports is responsible for the extra horsepower in the Gus truck.

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

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In The Rearview Mirror
Vintage
 Honda V65 Sabre

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Mike's Seafood RIDE TO DINE In Review

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Kim Teens



On July 2, we gathered at the Kangaroo/BP station off of exit 11 in Ooltewah to head to Mike's Seafood in Blairsville, GA. This was a rain date make up ride for the March 26 ride that over 80 people had signed up for. Eleven of us showed up for this ride in 94 degree heat on the Fourth of July weekend.

But we were determined to make the best of it as we headed out the back roads to Blairsville, GA, and the

best seafood in the area. We made it into Suches GA on RT 60 when we had situation in which we had to go to the hospital for an emergency. So we all headed to Dahlonega and the hospital.

After leaving the hospital, we then rerouted our lunch plans to the Smith House, an old gold mining house in Dahlonega where we all had a wonderful lunch and a great time together. We then rode over Fort Mountain back home and had a great,

albeit, hot ride home.

I and a couple of others who were on that ride did make it to Mike's Seafood the next Saturday with the CMA ride which went on to Brasstown Bald. We will again try to ride to Mike's Seafood but we will give more notice and wait for the hot weather to break. I'm thinking January!

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I am not a fan of big rides. I like big rides as in we are going to Utah, or Colorado or we are going for a long time and travel a long distance. I mean I don't like big rides with lots of bikes. I don't care to go to Daytona or other rallies. I don't even go to Wing Ding, blasphemy for a card carrying member of the GWRRA. Especially one who loves the people in the GWRRA Chapters here in Chattanooga and Cleveland, but I just don't care for that large of crowds. It slows me down as too many people get in my way. So I really don't look forward to big rides, especially big rides that don't go anywhere.

The ride that I am looking forward to is next Memorial Day. I am not usually that into long term planning but this is a little different. You see next year I plan on riding with a new friend of mine who would like to ride in the "Run To The Wall" over Memorial Day Weekend. And I am not into parade rides which this one is. We meet at the Pentagon and Ride to the Washington Mall. And believe me the parade is huge. Every square inch of the Pentagon parking lot is filled with motorcycles and Veterans. People who placed their lives on the line for the United States of America and for the republic for which it stands. Under God. People to whom we owe so very much.

My new friend is a veteran who would like to ride to Washington. So I will ignore all of those other bikes and whatever weather we face and a town full of liberals running amok to ride with my friend. It is the very least that I can do.

You see, he is a true American hero. He denies it and deflects it but he has a Purple Heart and a Bronze Star to prove it. The Purple Heart was given

to him in his hospital bed by then Vice-President George H.W. Bush, and he also has a bronze star for courage under fire. Well he doesn't actually have the bronze star. He gave it away. He gave it to a friend who now resides in Arlington. I am sure that is a place that we will visit. My friend was an elite soldier, he was a Ranger. A 1st Battalion Airborne Ranger, if you please. This man was a warrior! And he is a true gentleman! He is a man who loves peace.

Is that possible for the kind of warrior that makes great fiction and greater movies in real life is a peace loving man? Well he is. He is the kind of man who works hard and long to provide for his family. He is the kind of man that has a great capacity to lead others and he does. Often he leads with his abilities and sometimes he just leads by example. Is he perfect? No. Not even close. None of us are. But he is genuine and he is kind. He is smart and he thinks things through. He is hardworking and hard loving. He is my friend! ★★

He, like so many others, joined the Army in 1982 to take advantage of the GI bill so that he could go to college. For close to ten years he gave of himself in the service of his country. He took part in the Grenada and Desert Storm. He faced things that many of us have never faced and met those challenges head on and persevered. Our country is safer today because of him and thousands like him.

He and I share one thing very much in common. We hate bullies. He has fought bullies all of his life. He has the skills and stature to do something about it and always has. That's what America is to me, a country who stands up to those who can't stand up for themselves. That's what really makes people great, when they intercede on behalf of those who can't. Reaching out and helping others who are in need, protecting those who need protection and feeding those who are hungry.

He is not the only hero here in Chattanooga, but he is the only one I know well. But it wasn't easy. You see I had to dig and pull and ask him about this stuff to get it out. He doesn't think that he is anything special, but the people who know him and spend time with him think that he is very special. We see a man that will fight for what is right every time. We see a soldier who has your back. I see a man. He is also a man who wishes to remain anonymous so I will honor his request.

There are many of my biker friends who have served our country and each one is special. Each one did something that we all should be very proud of. They served our country. I wish that I would have. I truly believe that each and every American should serve their country for two years upon graduation from High School. Maybe if people learned to serve something bigger than themselves, this would be a much better country.

A lot of them still serve by riding in the Patriot Guard, serving others, and protecting innocent families from the likes of "Westboro Community Church". I loathe to call it a church as it does not in any way represent Jesus Christ. But the Patriot Guard riders, most of them ex-military, stand up to this group for those who are hurting and once again they protect others.

So next Memorial Day, my friend and I hope, God willing, to ride to the Wall. We hope to visit the memorials and visit Arlington. I hope to learn more about the hell that he faced. I pray that I can become a better friend and a better person by spending time with him in Washington D.C. I know I am a better person already for just knowing him.

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All in for the Kid's Poker Run
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The Unwanted MC held their annual **All in for the Kids Poker Run** on June 25, and lots of fun was had! With generous and slightly wild hearts, riders freely gave to a good cause and over \$5,000 was raised for TC Thompson Children's Hospital. The Unwanted MC wanted to say thank you to all that rode and donated, as well as the stops [T-Bones, Harley Bs, Valley Inn Sports Bar, Snookers, and Fanatics] who all gave generously as well. And an extra thank you goes to Tommy who auctioned off the privilege of cutting off his hair for Locks of Love.





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