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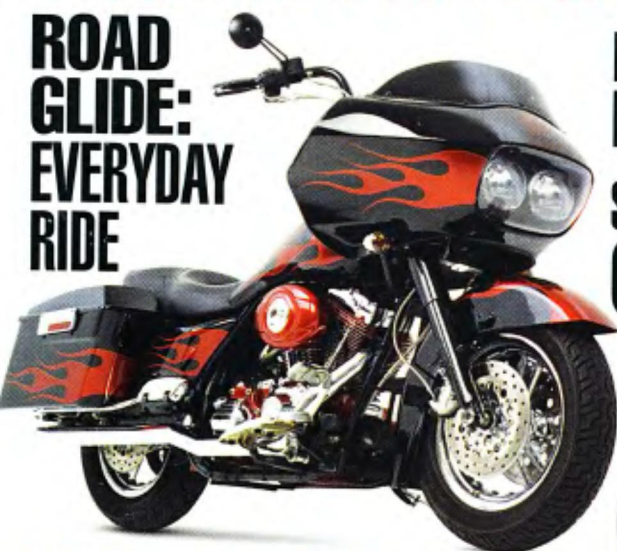
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Hookers and gnomes? A Romanian entrepreneur trying to drum up business is taking heat from the neighbors for his advertising tactics. He has made realistic statues of prostitutes and placed them along the road to attract customers to his garden **gnome business**. So far, he says that the girls are attracting a lot of honking from drivers, but not many gnome sales. Maybe he needs to switch to gnome hookers?

Armed, masked men demanded money from a supermarket cashier in Germany, but the clerk was not in the mood to comply. Instead she started **pelting the gunmen with cheese** from the deli counter. A very ripe Gorgonzola was the perp's undoing; the smell emitted is reportedly akin to natural CS gas. The culprits wisely fled the scene.

Also from our **"Assault with Food"** File: A Florida man was charged with domestic battery on his girlfriend after hitting her with a sandwich. The couple was driving along Interstate 95 when he became angry and hit the woman in the arm and face with his lunch. The guy was freed on \$7,500 bail. The police didn't say what type of sandwich was involved.

The mayor of a small town in Idaho resigned. His reason was that he "was tired of people who were **too stupid** to understand" and he told the council members that they were too stupid to work with, as well. He continued by suggesting that the townspeople, "Go to hell." The audience applauded when he announced his resignation, and the mayor and the council are now subjects of a recall. The mayor has now pledged to vigorously defend himself against the recall.

A two-term New Jersey councilmember was arrested after he allegedly **urinated on a crowd** of concertgoers from the balcony of a Washington, D.C. nightclub. While he refused to admit guilt, he says he has since, "resolved to never touch alcohol again." That's what we all say....

A man was distressed over his missing cat and went to the animal shelter where he found the lost pussy. It turns out a neighbor had turned it in thinking it was a stray. However, when the man found out that the shelter was going to charge him \$132 to claim said kitty, **Mr. Nice Guy** was replaced by Mr. Gimme My Friggin' Cat or I'm Gonna Knock Your Head Off With A Baseball Bat. The shelter workers may have a good lead, however. The man signed the guest book before leaving.

Hey buddy, seen my church? A 200-year-old Russian church has **mysteriously disappeared**, apparently brick-by-brick. It took the priests a while to figure out that it is missing. The church was in an isolated area and not in use—though the clergy had been considering resuming services there.

Police in Germany are scratching their heads over an unusual shoplifting case. Clerks noticed that a 24-inch TV was missing from a display. After reviewing the security tapes, it was revealed that two accomplices used clamps to **affix the TV to an armless man**, who walked out of the store with the merchandise. What is particularly hard to believe is that the sight of an armless man walking along with a giant TV clamped to his body did not arouse anyone's attention.

Police blocked off a neighborhood in Melbourne, Australia, after a woman told police that she'd seen a man with a gun. Police went to an apartment and saw a man pointing a firearm at the head of another, so **they drew their weapons**. The police then looked around, and noticed a room full of cameras and film equipment and a film crew who was busy shooting a movie. Doh!

From our **"25-Cent Blowjob"** Department: A Michigan man was arrested in a coin car wash. Police were called after receiving a tip of "suspicious activity." They snuck up to the car on foot and arrested the 29-year-old man, charging him with "receiving sexual favors from a vacuum at the car wash."

A 20-year-old Indiana man stabbed his younger brother with a steak knife after a **fight broke out** over a Hot Pocket microwave sandwich. The 18-year-old brother was treated at the local hospital for minor injuries and released. Sheesh, good thing it wasn't a Klondike bar.

A 74-year-old blind woman in Massachusetts was shocked when she was threatened by the city with a lien on her house unless she paid an overdue water bill. Her daughter opened the letter from the clerk's office, which demanded a \$48 penalty and threatened to place a lien on the house if the bill wasn't paid. **The overdue amount was one cent**. The letter cost 42 cents to mail.

One of Europe's largest brothels is offering free entry for life to customers that have the name of the brothel tattooed on their arms. The owners did it as a joke, but already 40 men have taken them up on the offer, and the club's tattoo artist is working extra shifts. The men will get free entry and **discounted lap dances**, but will still have to pay the girls for their services.

Never raid Doctor Doolittle's house! Police raided a house for drugs and were surprised when they stepped through the doors and found **swarms of black beetles**, Macaw parrots, four snakes, 14 Gecko lizards, and an assortment of snapping turtles, chickens, rats, mice and other animals. A boa constrictor was found that was "thick as a rolled up carpet."

It's official; Hitler really did have only one ball. A popular ditty sung during WWII went like this, "Hitler has only got **one ball**! The other is in the Albert Hall/His mother, the dirty bugger, cut it off when he was small." A medic in 1916, during the Battle of the Somme in WWI, saved the future dictator after he was injured in the abdomen and lost one testicle. In the 1960s, the medic revealed the secret to a priest who wrote it down. The man told the priest after he began to have nightmares and blamed himself for saving Hitler.

A study has found that the smelly rotten-egg gas in farts controls blood pressure in mice. Hydrogen sulfide gas is expelled by bacteria living in the colon and this gas relaxes the blood vessels, preventing hypertension. So farting in bed is not only **stinky fun**, it actually may be prolonging your wife's life. At least you can tell her that.

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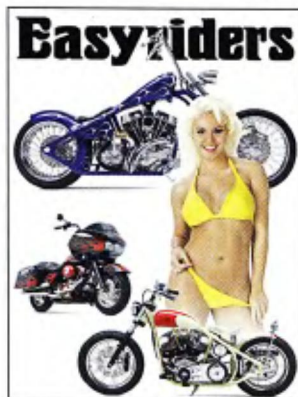
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Chillicothe Rodeo

Well, here we are at the end of another ass-kickin' Chillicothe ride. All the bikes, babes, beer, great times with bros and sisters from previous years (10-plus now).

I can remember when you could get around the campground without too much trouble. WTF happened? It's turned into a golfcart, four-wheeler, homemade trailer convention. You can't get through on your bike any more between the assholes who have never seen tits before and the parade of four-wheeled, eight-wheeled objects piloted by drunken assholes who haven't a clue what the rodeo is about or have never seen it. Sure, I love tits and the party and all the fun that goes with it, but it's outta hand. Someone is going to get hurt (bad), not to mention that it is just plain stupid. There were going to be new rules about this problem. WTF happened?

RFK816
 Cyberspace

We asked Easyriders Rodeo head boncho John Green to respond. Here's what he has to say: Please look on the Easyriders Events Message board. There are arguments for and against the parade vehicles at Chillicothe. In general, you will find that people are sick and tired of stupid rules made up just to satisfy a few complainers. There are 100 ways to get around the Rodeo without getting in a traffic jam. If you've been going for 10 years, you should know how to get around by now. Spend a little time at the beginning of the event to look around the property. You can get from the entrance to the exit in less than 20 minutes even during the busiest day.

Helmet For Dog?

In your November issue you had a supplement "Sturgis Memories." On Page 11, lower corner, there is a picture of a dog wearing a helmet. Do you have any idea where a person can find a dealer for them? I've been looking for a helmet for my Boston Terrier for two years.

Glen
 Out There Somewhere

Could somebody get Glen here a bottle of whiskey and a booker? He needs more help than we can give him.

Movie Mixup

First off, I'd like to say how much I enjoy your magazine. I'm a longtime subscriber and will continue to be in the years to come.

I rented the new Indiana Jones movie last night (*Kingdom of The Crystal Skull*). Spielberg has done a very good job digging up vintage vehicles to make his movies look authentic to their time period, until he filmed this one. The tone for his latest film is supposed to be sometime in the mid-'40s to early '50s which he pulled off pretty well until the motorcycle scenes. The bike he used was a brand new Harley-Davidson Cross Bones Bobber, fitted out with retro front and rear fenders, tank emblem, fake kick starter and a rat exhaust system. As hard as I tried, I couldn't ignore the Twin Cam 96B engine, front brake hydraulic reservoir, and primary cover.

Nice try, Spielberg, but I caught ya.
 Randy Chaney
 Lake Geneva, Wisconsin

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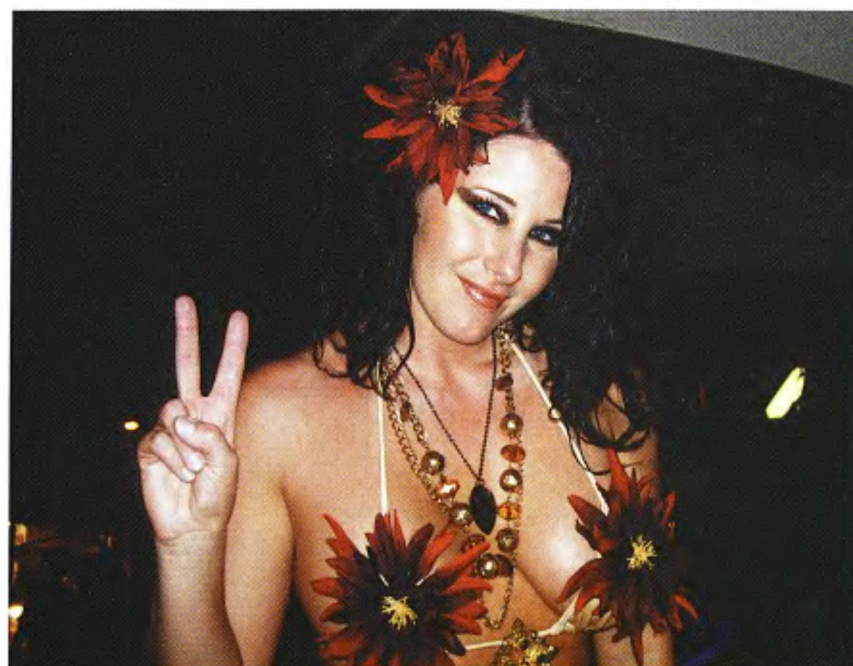
On July 13, 2008, the last formal meeting for the White Sanes Chapter of ABATE of Florida, Inc. was held.

For the past two months there have been no officers in place, and after contact with many of the members, it was found that there are no interested parties to accept the responsibilities of the available offices.

With 38 members in attendance it was voted unanimously that the chapter would disband. Many of the reasons for disbandment are the same reasons that have been recurring over the years. ABATE of Florida, Inc. has changed the true intent of the meaning of "A Brotherhood Against Totalitarian Enactment." We have become what we vowed to fight against.

We now make laws, negotiate with the safetycrafts and sell the souls of the motorcyclists for the sake of notoriety. This year's an example of soul selling!

ABATE of Florida, Inc. no longer cares what the members of the organization think and does not allow them to voice their concerns at state meetings upon request. The organization has become discriminatory in its selection of who is heard and what I said at meetings... [This letter is a very long one so we shall stop



here for the sake of brevity and are printing a response from someone who received it):

As I "skim read" this, it is so sad to hear even our own ABATE of Florida there is fighting within. I had read Kirk "Hard-tails" words in the MRO report as well as the latest issue of *Easyriders* where it says we must stick together in our own MRO organization and fight the enemy, not ourselves. Here it is happening in Florida.

We here in ABATE of Wisconsin should be proud of the great MRO organization we are a part of.—always listening to each other to get the job done.

Tiger
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

A Letter From Tiesa

I would first like to start off by saying I love your magazines. They are true publications of the fun-filled biker world that it out there.

And now to formally introduce myself: My name is Tiesa, and I've been a Beertub girl in Daytona Beach for Bikeweek and Biketoberfest for the past 10 years. My photos have appeared in copies of *Easyriders*, *In The Wind* and *BIKER* at least 13 times (that I know of). And how many people can say that? One of which I'm most proud was the 30th anniversary edition of *Easyriders*. Not only did my picture make the cover story, but also the table of contents!

Now if you ever wondered, by day, I work as an administrative assistant for a big law firm (11 years now), and I'm also a part-time makeup artist for MAC

Cosmetics. But twice a year it's become a tradition of mine to break the mold and sling beer for 500,000 bikers, make some phat cash and party with the best!

I don't think of myself as having the hottest body on Main Street, but I'm more built like a real woman, which sets me apart from all the rest. I also create my own outfits, and my outgoing personality keeps bringing the biker folk back each year for photographs, beer and conversation! Show me the money! From time to time people bring me copies of your magazines so that I can autograph them for their collections. I'm quite the celebrity out there!

Here's a photo of me (above) so you can put a face with a name.

Tiesa Ortiz
Port Orange, Florida

You're Shittin' Me

You guys are fuckin' funny. I laugh so hard reading the captions under the "In The Wind" photos that I actually shit my pants. Nice bikes and babes too.

Keep up the good work, and I'll keep changin' my shorts.

Sick Rick
Rigby, Idaho

Thanks Rick. We mailed ya some Depends.

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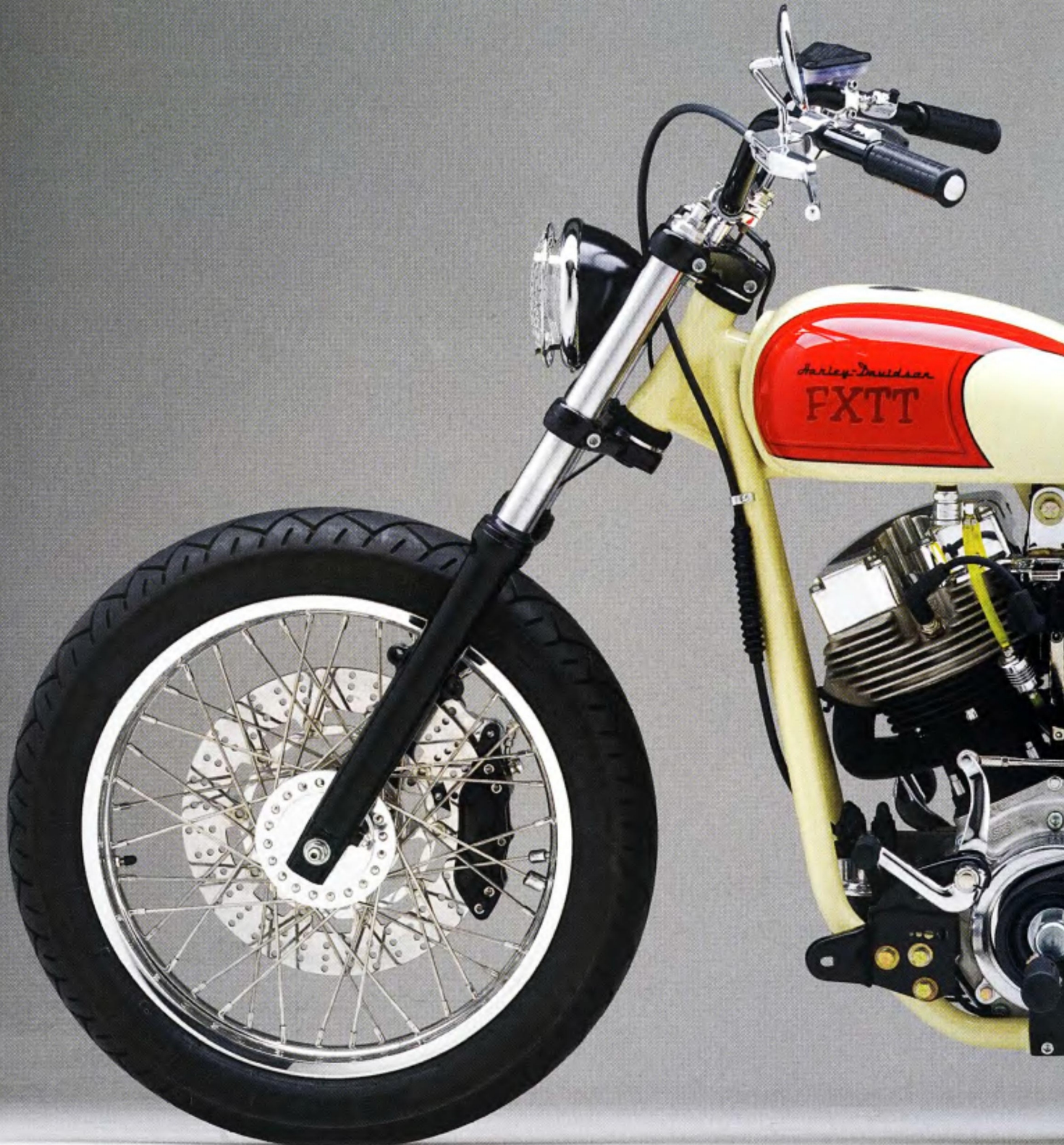
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The H-D That Never Was — Until Now

An FXTT

A guy like Steve McQueen would have loved this bike. The same goes for a couple of other icons of American moto-style: Ed "Big Daddy" Roth and Kenny Howard, a.k.a. Von Dutch. Rich Ryan, "Irish Rich" Ryan, grew up in that era of "cars, bikes, monster T-shirts, goatees and all the wackiness," sucking it up like a sponge. An active participant in the whole motorcycle and hot rod scene



for more than 40 years, for the past eight years he's been doing it full time at Shamrock Fabrikation in Broomfield, Colorado (located midway between Denver and Boulder). About a year or two ago, he put together the bike that he always wanted.

"I was thinking something with a style that mixed a half-mile flat tracker with a TT bike," he says. "I was going for that

long-lost vibe of the '60s." He started down that road by shortening up an old Kraft Tech frame that had been kicking around at Shamrock, taking 2.5 inches out of its tail and lifting it all up a couple inches. "I gave the bike plenty of ground clearance," Rich goes on, "adding those two curved stress-bar supports for an authentic look." He bumped up the transmission by about 1 inch, as well,

putting the battery underneath it. When he finished, the wheelbase was about a 1/2-inch longer than a Sportster's.

Actually, Rich tells us, shortening things up like this and lifting the bike up were fairly common tricks of the 1950s. It made a bike better handling and lots more agile. "I'd always wanted to do something like that," he says. To complete the roller, Rich mounted up a



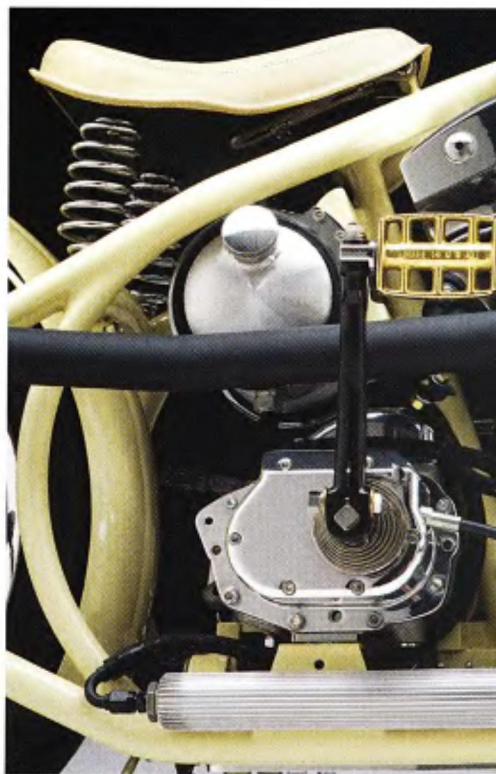
Dyna/Sportster front end, a 39mm Sport model using cartridges. That got shortened by 2.25 inches and Rich switched the brake caliper from the left side to the right, so the line would go straight up the tube instead of crossing over to the master cylinder. "A cleaner look," he figured, also the reason he went with an internal throttle, mounting it to a set of Flanders TT handlebars narrowed to fit and now sporting early panhead bar ends. "There's a lot of work in those handlebars and a lot of people wonder where they can get something like it. They can't, it has to be built," Rich says.

The engine, an S&S shovelhead, turned out to be the perfect motor for all this. With lots of low-end torque it's just a ball in a light bike. The 5-into-4 transmission is a nice match. "I always planned on putting a 5-speed in," Rich says, "but after I finished the frame there wasn't enough room for a regular 5-speed transmission, so I went with the 5-in-4 S&S case, making the bike kick-only." He

wanted a high-mount 2-into-1 exhaust, race bike style, so he built a muffler that kind of looks like an early Sportster piece that someone had shortened and then went forward from there.

Finishing up the aesthetics, Rich used a 1973 FX gas tank, painting it in the style of the older Triumphs, using two-tone tan and cream with Torch Red. The cream is the accent color used on the '78 FLH Electra Glide Classic. Those special handlebars also lend a touch of Triumph flair, along with that bigger tire in the front. It's a 110-19, bigger than most people use and Rich mounted a 13-inch brake rotor up front for more of the racing bike look. With its mid controls, short wheelbase and that quick-handling 39 mm Sportster/Dyna front end, the bike is lots of fun to ride. "Maybe one of the nicest handling bikes I've ever built," Rich says, "and I've been at this for, wow, has it really been 40 years already?"

—Joe Kress





Owner: "Irish" Rich Ryan
City: Broomfield, Colorado

GENERAL

Designer: Rich Ryan
Fabrication: Shamrock Fabrikation
Year/make: 2007 Shamrock Fabrikation
Model: FXTT
Assembly: Shamrock Fabrikation
Time: 4 months
Chroming: Alert Plating

ENGINE

Year and make: 2007 S&S shovelhead
Displacement: 93 cubic inches
Ignition: S&S Super
Cam: S&S
Carb: S&S

Air cleaner: Goodson prototype
Pipes: Shamrock Fabrikation

TRANSMISSION

Year/make: 2007 special
Shifting: 5-into-4

PAINTING

Painter: Alterior Motives
Type/color: PPG/Cream, Torch Red

FRAME

Year/make: 2005 Kraft Tech, modified
Type: rigid
Rake: 30 degrees

Stretch: none, tail shortened

ACCESSORIES

Handlebars: Flanders, modified
Handlebar controls: Jaybrake, Brembo
Fenders: Craig Tierngy
Headlight: 5 1/2-inch cheapie
Taillight: Model T Ford
Pegs: Dyna mids
Foot controls: Dyna mounts, Shamrock controls
Gas tank: Harley-Davidson, 1974 Superglide
Oil tank: Moon Equip.
Seat: Bitchin' 'Stitchin'
Mirrors: 4-inch, round
Grips: H-D

FRONT END

Type: Harley-Davidson Dyna Sport, minus 2 inches
Builder: Harley-Davidson

WHEELS

Make: Black Bike
Size: 19-inch front, 18-inch rear
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Screamin' wires

Dress up the engine and spark the performance of a Y2K-and-newer Harley-Davidson Softail model with new

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These mufflers have adjustable end caps that

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Alloy Art handlebars

These handlebars measure 1 1/4

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Pipe Dreamz

Pipe Dreamz has a new line of Sportster pipes for wide-tire aficionados. Both Wet Dreamz and In-

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TalkingTech

PUMP IT UP

I contacted you several months ago regarding the S&S panhead engine and asked what you thought of it. The reason for this message is that I wondered if there would be any problem using an under-the-transmission oil tank with this or a similar engine from another manufacturer in a custom. It's my understanding that the oil pump used on V-twins is a positive displacement type pump so there shouldn't be a problem with oil starvation. Any input is appreciated.

David Bright
Springfield, Oregon

There shouldn't be a problem with a stock Harley pump. The only caveat I can think of is that if you use an S&S pump with a cover that has the oil line fittings at the bottom of the pump instead of the top, it's possible that the oil pump could drain into the tank if you disconnect the lines. The problem there is that the pump may fail to re-prime and oil won't circulate. You can avoid that by clamping rubber lines before you disconnect them. Confirm oil circulation afterwards to be on the safe side and re-prime the pump through the supply fitting or pressure-relief tower if necessary.

GET A LIFT

My 1998 Bad Boy started knocking. It only has 18,000 miles on it. I am new to Harleys, but from everything I have heard, the Evolution motor is very reliable and should last for at least 100,000 miles. A friend who works on his Harley thinks it might be a tappet roller. He is willing to remove the tappets and inspect them for what sounds like a reasonable price. I wanted to get a second opinion on the knock and also ask which brand you would recommend if I have to replace the tappets. Is there anything else we should look for while the tappets are out?

H. Odell

The lifters (tappets) are worth checking. If one has worn enough to drop a bearing or other debris into the engine, you'll want to have your buddy pull the cam cover and oil pump to see if debris passed through the pump and damaged it or the gears. You'll also want him to inspect the cam for wear

or damage. To really do this right, he should also flush the oil tank and lines, and, obviously, change the filter. Needless to say, the cam compartment should be immaculate before everything goes back together. H-D, JIMS, and S&S lifters all have good reputations. It's a good idea to replace Evo and TC lifters every 25K anyway, and this sounds like a convenient time. Now for the bad news, rumor has it that some of the later Evos were assembled with excessively tight crank-pin clearances, resulting in premature bottom end failure. If the lifters look okay and you've ruled out other possible causes such as piston slap and a loose or worn compensator, you know what to look for next.

SOUNDS SHIFTY

I own a custom FXR that is equipped with a RevTech 5-speed transmission. After the warranty was out, it developed a problem downshifting. Sometimes when downshifting it will hang up completely. We put a high-performance clutch and thicker oil in the transmission. The problem isn't solved yet. The factory doesn't want to talk to me. All of the work was done by a very competent mechanic. Could the problem be the transmission itself?

Gary Ambrose
Holden, Louisiana

Yes, unfortunately it could. At this point, the only easy fix I know of is to be sure the clutch, shifter pawl, and shift linkage are adjusted according to the manufacturer's instructions and are functioning properly. You probably went the wrong way by using a thicker transmission fluid. I doubt changing it again will help, but you could try a high-performance synthetic, such as that produced by Red Line and sold by Zipper's. It's pricey, but cheaper than your next step, which will be to return to the shop that sold you the transmission, have the staff inspect it to their satisfaction, and then contact their Custom Chrome rep for further orders. With the transmission being out of warranty, you may end up paying the shop to disassemble and repair it, or you could hit eBay and look for a low-mileage H-D transmission from someone who has installed a 6-speed.

PONDERING PISTONS

I was planning to put 10:1 pistons in my Evo but wanted to check with someone who knows more about it than I do before I did it. Can you help?

L. Gingrich

Five years ago, I'd have said "do it" without a second thought. But now, because the content of pump gas has changed so radically in some areas, I'm a little hesitant. My 10:1 motor does fine locally, but in some other areas of the country it pings if you even think about getting aggressive with the throttle. I haven't gotten around to it, but plan to install a VOES ignition as soon as I get the chance. If you decide to go with the 10:1's, that might be a good plan for you as well. Better to not need it and have it.

SNAP, CRACKLE, POP!

I had my '73 shovel rebuilt by a reputable shop one year ago. It ran great until Thanksgiving, when it started misfiring when I try to accelerate. It idles good but won't take the gas without misfiring. Sometimes it just coughs and other times it seems to die for a second and then lets go with a big ka-boom that sounds like a cannon going off. The carburetor is an S&S Super B that the same shop rebuilt two years ago. I have checked and rechecked it and the manifold for leaks, but nothing happened. Help!

Ragetti
Daytona, Florida

Check the ignition, starting with the coil. The easiest way to test it is to replace it with a coil "known to be good," as the manuals say. I'm sure you've already checked or replaced the points if you're using a points ignition. Replace the condenser too, especially if the problem intensifies after the bike warms up, and check all of the wiring and connections in the ignition circuit, including the circuit breakers and switch. I'd start by replacing the breakers.

—Tom Johnson

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Randy Medard's
EWD Pro-Bob

Randy Medard had just wrestled a 55,000-ton freighter full of crude oil into the Houston Port, another labor-intensive day at work as a ship channel pilot, when we caught up to him. "Today it was an 800 footer, sometimes we get 'em 1,100, 1,200 feet long. I'm part of an 80-pilot crew and work two weeks on, two weeks off. When I'm not in Houston working, my wife and I stay at our house located near Tampa, Florida, not too far from the EWD [Eric Warren Designs] Cycles shop."

Somewhere down the line, that ship full of black gold would be refined into the fuel feeding Randy's EWD Cycles custom, a bike called "Pro Bob." Randy explains, "Eric, who mainly focuses on





the design and paint work, and his brother, Kurt, whose forte is wrenching engines and molding, had customized a couple of my previous bikes, but I wasn't placing as well as I wanted in the bike shows. I told Eric I wanted something unique that attracted attention and won shows. They convinced me the way to go was a full ground-up, then Eric cooked up some ideas. We ended up combining pro-street with bobber to build this bike."

While Randy stipulated that he wanted the bike's cables and brake lines to disappear from sight and also wanted to use a Headwinds spotlight instead of a regular large lamp, there was another particular design feature that he wanted incorporated, something you rarely see on a custom show bike. "I told him I wanted a centerstand instead of a sidestand, so the bike would always stand up straight to be seen a little better. That was one thing I wouldn't budge on—and I also wanted to paint the bike orange. Then, one day Eric called me from the shop and said, 'Randy I got your Great Pumpkin here.' I laughed and then told him to go ahead and add whatever graphics he thought best. In the end, it turned out great."

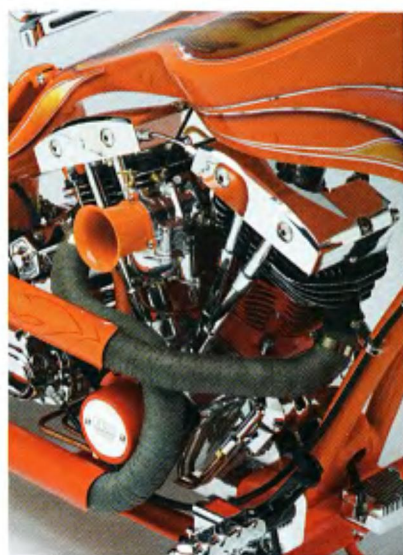
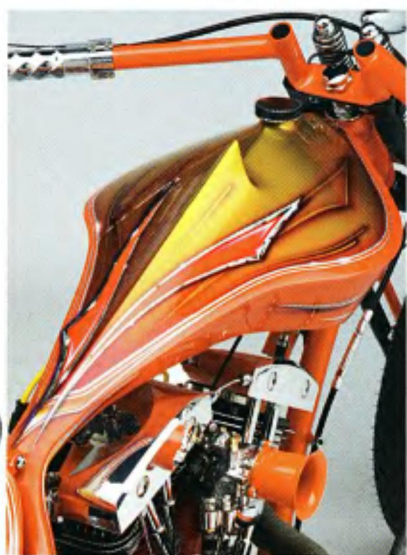
Powering the Pro-Bob is one of the new S&S 93-inchers nostalgia motors. A closer look reveals that the engine was mounted via the rear cylinder rather than the usual center mount. "It

worked just fine. The bike handles well, and there's no vibration or anything out of the ordinary." The theme was carried through with the addition of the DNA springer front end. They say greatness or coolness factor can be seen in the details. Yes, those forward controls are open end wrenches, but checking out the bike's all metal seat, you must be thinking this is no Comfort Zone sofa. "Actually it is," says Randy. "We fit that seat to my ass...and with those springs..., it's very comfortable."

On its very first show appearance, Randy's Pro-Bob won top honors at the Hooter's Hotrod Casino 2006 Tour. Summing it up, he says, "Working with Eric and Kurt was a great experience and I guess the best way to illustrate that point is the fact that I've had them build me a new bike."

—Paul Garson







Owner: Randy Medard
City: Valrico, Florida

GENERAL

Designer: EWD Cycles
Fabrication: EWD Cycles
Year/make: 2006 EWD Cycles
Model: Pro-Bob
Assembly: Eric and Kurt Warren
Time: 5 months

ENGINE

Year and make: 1984 S&S Shovel
Builder: Kurt, Warren and Anthony Bevilacqua
Displacement: 93 cubic inches
Cam: S&S
Ignition: Dyna 2000i
Pistons: S&S
Heads: S&S
Lifters: S&S
Carb(s): S&S E
Air cleaner: S&S velocity

TRANSMISSION

Make: Trick Shift
Year: 2007

PAINTING

Painter: Eric Warren
Type/color: House of Kolor/Tangelo Pearl

FRAME

Year: 2006
Builder: The Wrench
Rake: 42 degrees
Stretch: 2-up; 2-out

ACCESSORIES

Bars: EWD Cycles
Handlebar controls: J-Brake



Fenders: EWD Cycles
Headlight: Headwinds
Taillight: Headwinds
Pegs: EWD Cycles
Electrics: Kurt Warren
Gas tank: Eric Warren
Oil tank: in-frame
Oil system: S&S
Seat: TPJ
Sissybar: yes
Mirrors: none
Grips: EWD Cycles

FORKS

Type: springer
Builder: DNA

WHEELS

Size: 21-inch front, 18-inch rear
Wheels: DNA
Tires: Metzeler
Brakes: HHI 4-piston
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Motostars, Celebrities & Motorcycles



What is it with our American culture that has our media so fixated on celebrities? I suppose celebrities have an aura about them; maybe it's something about their accomplishments that intrigues us, even though, after all, they're just like us. The AMA Museum's *Motostars, Celebrities and Motorcycles* exhibit curator, David Morris, also contends that celebrities are actually exactly just like us and set out to reveal a side of celebrities that shows just how much we have in common, especially when it comes to motorcycles. The *Motostars* exhibit does a killer job of spotlighting over a hundred of the world's most recognizable motorcycle enthusiasts with many priceless motorcycles, exclusive memorabilia and tales of celebrities' favorite two-wheel adventures.

To kick the exhibit off, an opening gala weekend was held on June 27 and 28 with a VIP auction Friday evening and ribbon cutting ceremony on Saturday that included a panel discussion with several of the celebrities featured in the exhibit including: Dan Haggerty, Tom Arnold, Austin Weiss, Debbie Evans, Gary Davis, Perry King and me.



Stunt bike ridden by Lane Leavitt in *Terminator 2*.



Then Came Bronson TV series replica bike.



Super Bowl champ Barrett Brooks' "RT" custom bike.



Ed Roth tribute trike.



Roland Sands' Glory Stomper.



Flying Squirrel owned by Steve McQueen and pinstriped by Von Dutch.



Honda VTX movie stunt bike.

Photos: Sara Liberto

The exhibit includes motorcycles and memorabilia that belong to notables such as auto racing legend and Alligator motorcycle inventor and manufacturer Dan Gurney; General Motors Vice Chairman Bob Lutz; "King of the Customizers" George Barris; and rock legend, Rush drummer and lyricist, Neil Peart. Famous movie bikes included the 2004 MV Agusta F4-SPR ridden by Will Smith in *I, Robot*. Exotic custom motorcycles designed and built by Austin Weiss for entertainers such as will.i.am, frontman for hip-hop group The Black Eyed Peas, and Carlos Mencia, star of Comedy Central's *Mind of Mencia*.

Throughout history, motorcycles have played a starring role in the public and private lives of a significant number of

celebrities and personalities. Whether they do long distance riding, are collectors, builders or ambassadors of the sport, each MotoStar has a unique story to tell about what fueled their interest and love for riding.

"Motorcycling, whether an occasional hobby or lifelong obsession, has always connected individuals from very different walks of life," says AMA's Mark Mederski. "Whether you work in a factory, the corporate suite, or on a Hollywood set, you'll always have a shared bond and make new friends if you spend time on two wheels. For that reason alone, we expect this to be our most popular exhibit ever."

—Sara Liberto

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BRITISH POLICE CALL FOR BIKE BAN

The ACPO (Association of Chief Police Officers) in the U.K. has called for motorcycling to be banned in certain areas of the country as a result of evidence it submitted to the recent House of Commons Transport Select Committee report, entitled "Ending the Scandal of Complacency: Road Safety beyond 2010."

The ACPO submission said "There is a need for radical thinking in respect of motorcycles, including consideration of engine capability and the creation of protection zones where all motorcycles other than those specifically permitted, would be prohibited." This apparent call for power restrictions on motorcycles and their prohibition in some areas of the country flies in the face of substantial independent evidence that there is no correlation between a motorcycle's power output and its likelihood of being involved in an accident.

A further inaccuracy presented to the committee by ACPO is that, "Production machines are readily available for use on our roads with top speeds in excess of 200 miles per hour." In fact, there are no production bikes capable of more than 200 mph, even without the motorcycle industry's voluntary 186 mph speed limitation.

"That ACPO can present such nonsense brings into question its suitability as a source of reliable information for the Transport Committee," criticizes the Telegraph newspaper, adding that the law enforcement organization's testimony regarding motorcycles is "demonstrably unreliable."

—Bill Bish

Motorcycle Parking

PUSHING PARKING PROTECTIONS

It used to be bad enough to find someone sitting on your motorcycle, but with more people riding bikes, and parking them, an increasing urban problem appears to be drivers moving two-wheelers out of their way to make room to park in congested downtown areas. To top it off, the offenders seem to be wheeling them into No Parking zones or onto sidewalks where it is illegal to park.

Recognizing this troublesome trend, the city of Seattle, Washington, recently enacted an ordinance making it illegal to move another person's vehicle without their knowledge or consent. Ordinance Number 122761 passed unanimously on August 4 to "prohibit a person from moving a motor vehicle not lawfully under his or her control when the motor vehicle is occupying a parking stall or space on City property."

In addition to a hefty fine, police also warn that, "If you damage it, you'd be liable."

—Bill Bish

SSSSHHHHH!!!

NO BIKE NOISE IN THE BIG APPLE

The New York City Council is set to pass a bill that will require all motorcycles to have an EPA sticker that will certify it is within noise standards. Bikes that don't have the sticker will get a ticket for noise without the police officer having to prove the bike exceeded the 80 decibel limit set by the city's noise code.

"Today we go a long way toward taking the squeal out of the hogs," said Peter Vallone (D-Queens), who chaired

a final bill hearing in the Public Safety Committee.

Under the bill, expected to pass the full Council on Dec. 18, a first conviction carries a maximum \$1,000 fine and temporary confiscation of the motorcycle until the penalty is paid. A second conviction hikes the maximum fine to \$2,500 and imposes permanent forfeiture.

—Dave N.

Coast To Coast

Biker News

GOVERNMENT SEIZES CLUB'S COLORS:

Dozens of Mongols Motorcycle Club members were arrested under a federal racketeering indictment in a multi-state sting operation on October 21, but even before a single case has gone to trial, federal prosecutors have succeeded in getting a court order stripping the club of their trademarked logo. Mongols MC members can no longer wear patches or other items bearing the club's insignia following what appears to be an unprecedented injunction barring members, their family and associates from wearing, licensing, selling or distributing the logo.

"If a Mongol is wearing a vest or jacket bearing the Mongol's patch, that item is pursuant to seizure based on this order," said Assistant U.S. Attorney Steven Welk.

"This was an ingenious move to try and strip a club of its identity under the guise of civil asset forfeiture," said Richard M. Lester, founder of the National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM), "but it sets an extremely dangerous precedent if allowed to stand. All the government would have to do is show that a few members were involved in criminal activity and they could take away your name and logo, and it could affect any organization from ABATE to HOG to the Elks."

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Explaining the implications and ramifications of the federal action, Sam Hochberg, Aid to Injured Motorcyclists (AIM) Attorney for Oregon, said, "The government made a showing to the federal judge that they have a substantial likelihood of prevailing on the merits of the criminal case, including the RICO charge, which is required to get this sort of order. If the club loses on the criminal/RICO charges, they could be subject to the civil forfeiture laws—the same laws that allow the government to take away cars and houses from drug dealers as 'instruments of the crime.' Here, the government argued that the patch has value, and since they think they'll ultimately be entitled to a civil forfeiture, they want to hold on to that asset, the patch. That was the basis for their legal argument, though publicly and to the press the ATF has admitted they're doing this to break the back of the club."

According to Lester, who also helped to found the Confederations of Clubs across the U.S. and Canada to help organized patch holder clubs to fight for their legal rights, NCOM will be working with the COCs to help overturn the patch seizure by hiring an expert on trademark and civil liberties law.

AUSSIERS GET TOUGHER ON NEW RIDERS:

Finding the freedom of an open road on two-wheels could be a little more difficult for some would-be Australian motorcycle enthusiasts next year as Queensland authorities get tougher on new riders. As with Europe, some Australian legislators are looking to tighten restrictions on novice riders of all ages. The changes taking effect next July in Queensland include restricting new riders to less powerful motorcycles and prohibit them from consuming any alcohol while riding.

Queensland's Premier Anna Bligh told Parliament that novice riders will have to carry "P" plates, there will be a ban on pillion passengers and there will be a zero-alcohol limit for all ages of learners.

In the past, only new riders under the age of twenty-five faced zero-alcohol restrictions, with those older allowed to have up to the legal 0.05 limit. Also, the law that restricted new riders to motorcycles of 250cc engine size will be expanded to an approved list that takes power-to-weight ratio into account.

New riders face the restrictions for one year before going onto an unrestricted license allowing them to ride any motorcycle and fall under the regular traffic laws.

MORE TOLL ROADS ON THE HORIZON:

Federal transportation officials are lobbying state governments to convert their freeways into toll roads, and expect the new administration to continue supporting public private partnership (PPP) initiatives. The Federal Highway Administration has announced the creation of a new office to pursue more toll roads in the future, and placed the new Office of Innovative Program Delivery atop their organizational chart to emphasize its primary place within the federal transportation department.

These innovative and non-traditional funding mechanisms have caused concern among local and federal representatives in the wake of the ongoing financial crisis, but such efforts appear to have the support of President-elect Barack Obama who has supported similar measures.

HONDA DEVELOPS V2V MOTORCYCLE

SAFETY TECHNOLOGY: In its efforts to improve safety for everyone, especially vulnerable road users, Honda's leading motorcycle to car communication system was recently demonstrated for the first time in Germany at the CAR 2 CAR Communication Consortium. The Vehicle to Vehicle (V2V) System generates warnings to riders and drivers of other vehicles by continuous exchange of positioning data from satellite GPS sources. This is particularly relevant as road users approach intersections, alerting them to other vehicles that are

potentially on a collision course, allowing avoidance maneuvers. Research data shows that the majority of accidents involving a motorcycle are caused by perception failures and this system will reduce these failures.

Most accidents involving motorcycles are caused by the simple failure of other motorists to detect the presence of a motorcycle on the road until it is too late, or to correctly assess its distance and speed. V2V communication rapidly relays information in a simple and concise manner, which supports motorists' and bikers' recognition processes. Information including position, direction and vehicle dynamics coordinates is exchanged between vehicles. Motorcycle riders can safely receive warnings about vehicles near them on a Heads-up Indicator Display, and can receive information through an in-helmet audio system, neither requiring them to take their eyes off the road. Drivers can view information on the status of cars and motorcycles in their vicinity and receive warnings on, for example, their navigation system display.

Honda's V2V System is interoperable and facilitates communication with vehicles from eight other manufacturers.

WEIRD NEWS: STUNT VIDEO BUSTS

BIKER: A biker in England was brought down by the Internet and his own video evidence was sentenced for speeding and performing stunts on his motorcycle. The 28-year-old rider became the talk of the British press for being arrested after he posted video footage of himself riding a motorcycle at more than 130 miles per hour as well as performing stunts on the popular video site, YouTube.

Last year similar events took place in Spain when a group of riders videotaped and posted their speeding rides between two small towns. They were also convicted by authorities that used the footage posted on YouTube.

—Bill Blish
NCOM

WE'VE TRIED EVERYTHING WE CAN
THINK OF TO GET MORE SPEED-OUR
LAST STEP IS FOR YOU TO LOSE SOME
MORE WEIGHT



Images Of The Year

FROG ON A HOG

According to a recent feature on Yahoo! News Web site, one of the most e-mailed photos of 2008 was an image of Oui the frog astride a miniature motorcycle which the frog's owner says she loves to ride!

A Thai woman claims her pet frog en-

joys riding its tiny chopper and posing for pictures, and can even predict winning lottery numbers.

Tongsai Boommrungtai, 52, came across the black spotted frog, which she called Nong Oui, outside her house in Roi-Et. "The frog had a small chick in its mouth," she told Reuters News Service. "I looked her straight in the eye and knew I could communicate with her. I told her to drop the chick and she did and then came hopping in...Ever since she has

been a member of the family."

For a long time villagers would come around and get tips on the National Lottery with the frog's help. They used to read the skin on her stomach and look for numbers, and Tongsai said ten people have subsequently won the lottery.

But as for the psychic cyclist, "There is nothing more that she likes than to chill out on her Harley-Davidson. But she can strike a pose just about anywhere."

—Bill Bish



HOPPER CHOPPER — Oui the frog sits on a miniature motorcycle on January 10, 2008, and rumbled atop the list of most e-mailed photos of 2008.

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Happenings

ALABAMA

Bama Bike Fest
Spring Rally
Date: Mar. 13-15
Place: Forkland
Info: 334-289-5213
www.bamabikefest.com

Ridersville Thunder
Bike Rally
Date: Mar. 20-22
Place: Plantersville
Info: 334-366-1687,
334-413-6632
www.thebanditgirl.net

State HOG Rally
Date: Apr. 16-18
Place: Montgomery
Info: 205-426-2952
www.alstatehogrally.com

Faunsdale Spring
Bike Rally
Date: Apr. 16-19
Place: Faunsdale
Info: 334-628-6356
www.faunsdalebikerrally.com

ARIZONA

3rd Annual Ride to the
Ruins
Date: Mar. 7
Place: Coolidge
Info: 520-723-3009
www.coolidgechamber.org

3rd Annual All American
Poker Run
Date: Mar. 21
Place: E.O.E. Kingman
Info: 928-681-2640

14th Annual Lost
Dutchman M/C
Goldrush Run
Date: Mar. 22
Place: Mesa
Info: 602-463-7886
www.lostdutchmanmc.com

12th Annual Arizona
Bike Week
Date: Mar. 27-Apr. 5
Place: Scottsdale
Info: 480-704-1142
www.azbikeweek.com

State HOG Rally
Date: Apr. 30-May 4
Place: Tucson
Info: 602-955-2658
www.azstatehogrally.com

ARKANSAS

24th Annual ABATE
Swap Meet

Date: Feb. 21-22
Place: Fairgrounds,
Little Rock
Info: 501-851-3599

24th Annual MC Swap
Meet And Ride In
Bike Show
Date: Feb. 21-22
Place: Little Rock
Info: 501-835-5145

Wild Hog M/C Rally &
Music Festival
Date: Apr. 23-26
Place: Helena
Info: www.wildhogmusic.org

Thunder in the
Mountains
Date: Apr. 23
Place: Eureka Springs
Info: 918-865-8472
www.eaglesnest-fullmoon.com

CALIFORNIA

Long Beach Cycle Show
and Swap Meet
Date: Feb. 22
Place: Long Beach
Veteran's Stadium
Info: 714-557-1846
www.toppingevents.com

Polar Bear Run
Date: Feb. 22
Place: ABATE Local 1
Info: 818-361-8800

Long Beach Cycle Show
and Swap Meet
Date: Mar. 29
Place: Long Beach
Veteran's Stadium
Info: 714-557-1846

Hogs On The High Seas
Mexican Riviera
Date: Mar. 29-Apr. 5
Place: Port of Los Angeles
Info: 800-444-8795
www.hogsonthehighseas.com

Nor-Cal Cycle Show and
Swap Meet
Date: Apr. 5
Place: Solano
Fairgrounds, Vallejo
Info: 714-557-1846

18th Annual Vung Tau
Date: Apr. 5
Place: NVNMC, F-Troop,
Camarillo Springs Park,
Camarillo
Info: 818-749-3764

Ancient Iron MC 28th
Annual Bike Blessing
Date: Apr. 12
Place: Club Rodeo,
San Jose
Info: 408-997-2396
www.ancientironmc.com

Arlen Ness Bike Show
Date: Apr. 19-20
Place: San Mateo County
Events Center, San Mateo
Info: 866-907-7790

Long Beach Cycle Show
and Swap Meet
Date: Apr. 26
Place: Long Beach
Veteran's Stadium
Info: 714-557-1846
www.toppingevents.com

19th Annual Pacific Coast
Dream Machines
Date: Apr. 26
Place: Half Moon Bay
Airport
Info: 650-726-2328
www.miramarevents.com

FLORIDA

2nd Annual Shovelhead,
Panhead,
Knucklehead Show
Date: Feb. 22
Place: Caribbean Club,
MM 104, Key Largo
Info: 305-289-5442;
southernmost.abateflori-
da.com

ABATE Bike Week
Campground
Date: Feb. 27- Mar. 8
Place: Volusia County
Fairgrounds, Deland
Info: 386-943-9610
www.abateflorida.com

Bike Week
Date: Feb. 27- Mar. 8
Place: Daytona Beach
Info: 386-255-0981
www.officialbikeweek.com

DeLand Bike Rally
Date: Feb. 28
Place: DeLand
Info: www.delandbikerrally.com

Webster Swap & Show
Date: Mar. 8
Place: Webster Westside
Flea Market
Info: 352-793-9877
www.cyclemeet.com

Fiasco Brothers 11th
Annual Poker Run
Date: Mar. 22
Place: Vero Beach
Info: www.fiascobrothers.com

Amy's Ride for the Animals
Date: Mar. 22
Place: Miami Metro Zoo,
Miami
Info: 305-905-1860
www.ridefortheanimals.org

7th Annual Rock &
Wheels
Date: Apr. 1-4
Place: Spirit of the
Suwannee Campground,
Live Oak
Info: 386-364-1683
www.hoganentertainment.net

Webster Swap & Show
Date: Apr. 5
Place: Webster Westside
Flea Market
Info: 352-793-9877
www.cyclemeet.com

Ride For Kids
Date: Apr. 5
Place: Northeast Florida
Info: 800-253-6530
www.rideforkids.org

9th Annual Emerald
Coast Bikefest
Date: Apr. 24-26
Place: Emerald Coast
Dragway, Holt
Info: 850-537-7223
www.emeraldcoastbikefest.com

12th Annual
Leesburg Bikefest
Date: Apr. 24-26
Place: Leesburg
Info: 352-365-0053
www.leesburgbikefest.com

12th Annual Thunder
Beach Spring Rally
Date: Apr. 30-May 3
Place: Panama City
Info: 850-276-1474
www.thunderbeachpro-
ductions.com

GEORGIA

10th Annual Brother's
Birthday Bash
Date: Feb. 7
Place: Wingmen's
Clubhouse, Savannah
Info: 912-233-3535

Swap Meet & Bike Show
Date: Feb. 22
Place: North Atlanta
Trade Center
Info: 770-881-7438
www.abatega.org

16th Annual St. Patrick's
Day Party
Date: Mar. 13-15
Place: Wingmen's
Clubhouse, Savannah
Info: 912-233-3535
www.9339mc.com

Wingmen MC Swap Meet
and Bike Show
Date: Mar. 21
Place: Mountain Center,
Gainesville
Info: www.9339mc.com

Bike Show & Swap Meet
Date: Apr. 5
Place: Atlanta Expo
Center North
Info: 770-881-7438
www.abatega.org

Angel City Spring Rally
Date: Apr. 16-19
Place: Angel City,
Unadilla
Info: 800-433-7191
www.angelcityrally.com

Top Gun Ride for
Children
Date: Apr. 25
Place: Hooters, Kennesaw
Info: 770-333-9447
www.topgunrideatlanta.com

IDAHO

7th Annual
Frosty Buns Ride
Date: Feb. 22
Place: Cycle Addiction,
Nampa
Info: 208-465-6730
www.cycleaddictionida-
ho.com

ILLINOIS

25th Annual Cabin Fever
Party
Date: Feb. 21
Place: Galesburg
Info: www.centralilabate.org

21st Annual Broomstick
Pool Tournament
Date: Mar. 21
Place: Monmouth
Info: www.centralilabate.org

Walneck's Swap Meet
Date: Apr. 20
Place: McHenry County
Fairgrounds,
Woodstock
Info: 630-985-2097
www.walneckswap.com

Shakedown Run
Date: Apr. 26
Place: Galesburg
Info: www.centralilabate.org

INDIANA

Indiana Motorcycle Expo
Date: Feb. 26- Mar. 1
Place: Indiana State
Fairgrounds,
Indianapolis
Info: 317-546-4344
www.indianamotorcy-
cleexpo.com

IOWA

Bike Down to I-Town
Bike Night
Date: Apr. 17
Place: Indianola
Info: 515-205-8885
www.bikedowntoitown.com

KANSAS

ABATE Spring
Swap Meet
Date: Mar. 28
Place: Johnson County
Fairgrounds, Gardner
Info: 913-709-7330
www.abateksdist5.org

Cruisin' for Rocko
Date: Apr. 25
Place: Alefs Harley-
Davidson, Wichita
Info: www.rockoinc.org

LOUISIANA

State HOG Rally
Date: Mar. 19-21
Place: Festival Plaza,
Shreveport
Info: 318-212-1001
www.lastatehogrally.com

Ride for Autism
Date: Mar. 27-29
Place: Lafayette, LA to
Natchez, MS
Info: 985-237-0429
www.projectindepend-
ence.org

Lions Club Poker Run
Date: Mar. 28
Place: Jennings
Info: 337-616-8120

MARYLAND

Carroll County ABATE
Sadie Hawkins Dance
Date: Feb. 28
Place: American Legion,
Sykesville
Info:
www.abate-of-maryland.org

Scenic Tour Poker Run
Date: Apr. 18
Place: Washington County
Chapter ABATE
Info:
www.abate-of-maryland.org

MICHIGAN

Custom Motorcycle Show
& Expo
Date: Mar. 14-15
Place: Gibraltar Trade
Center, Mount Clemens
Info:
www.gibraltartrade.biz

Motorcycle Swap Meet &
Parts Expo
Date: Feb. 15
Place: Wing Stadium,
Kalamazoo
Info:
www.paragonspromotion.com

Motorcycle Swap Meet
Date: Mar. 29
Place: Fairgrounds,
Detroit
Info: 800-968-4242
www.motorcycleswap.com

Motorcycle Swap Meet
Date: Apr. 19
Place: Birch Run Expo
Info: 800-968-4242
www.motorcycleswap.com

Motorcycle Swap Meet
Date: Apr. 26
Place: Deltaplex, Grand
Rapids
Info: 800-968-4242
www.motorcycleswap.com

Walneck's Swap Meet
Date: Apr. 26
Place: Calhoun County
Fairgrounds, Marshall
Info: 630-985-2097
www.walneckswap.com

MISSOURI

M/C Swap Meet
Date: Apr. 26
Place: Twin Drive In
Theater, Independence
Info: 816-228-5811
www.jwsapmeet.com

15th Annual
Spring Swap Meet
Date: Apr. 26
Place: Shadow Rock
Park, Forsyth
Info: 417-334-0775
www.forr.net

MINNESOTA

Donnie Smith
Bike Show
Date: Feb. 21
Place: Mayo Center,
Rochester
Info:
www.donniesmithbike-
show.com

Donnie Smith
Invitational Bike Show
Date: Mar. 28-29
Place: Saint Paul
River Centre
Info: www.donniesmith-
bikeshow.com

MISSOURI

Winter BBQ
Date: Feb. 21
Place: Biener Hardware,
St. John
Info:
www.rebelratpack.com

M/C Swap Meet
Date: Mar. 8
Place: State Fairgrounds,
Sedalia
Info: 816-228-5811
www.jwsapmeet.com

11th Annual Freedom of
Road Riders Kearney
Bike Show
Date: Mar. 30
Place: VFW Post 5717,
Kearney
Info: 816-365-9615,
www.forrlocal29.com

NEBRASKA

23rd Annual
Bike Show
Date: Feb. 20
Place: Lancaster Event
Center, Lincoln
Info:
www.abateofndistrict2.com

ABATE 5 Annual
Bowling Night
Date: Mar. 1
Place: Blair Bowling
Alley, Blair
Info: 402-677-6680,
402-490-1960
www.abateofne.com

28th Annual
Motorcycle Show
Date: Mar. 14-15
Place: Fairgrounds,
Hastings
Info: 308-383-0490
2009district8bikeshow.
homestead.com

NEVADA

26th Anniversary
Laughlin River Run
Date: Apr. 23-26
Place: Laughlin
Info: 714-694-2800;
800-357-8223
www.laughlinriverrun.com

NEW JERSEY

7th Annual Northeast
Motorcycle Expo
Date: Feb. 21-22
Place: Garden State
Exhibit Center, Somerset
Info: 978-688-8888
www.kevmarv.com

NEW YORK

Skin and Steel
Date: Apr. 19
Place: Dome Center,
Henrietta
Info: 585-234-0895
www.skinandsteel.com

NORTH CAROLINA

Outer Banks Bike Week
Date: Apr. 23-26
Place: Outer Banks and
Nags Head H-D
Info: 757-397-5550
www.outerbanksbike-
week.com

3rd Annual Southern
Leadsled Nats
Date: Apr. 23-26
Place: Fairgrounds,
Hickory
Info: 704-810-7559
www.kustomsofamerica.com

Cherokee Survivors
Spring Rally
Date: Apr. 24-26
Place: Fairgrounds,
Cherokee
Info: 800-438-1601
www.cherokeerally.com

Thunder in the Smokies
Spring Rally
Date: Apr. 24-27
Place: Maggie Valley
Festival Grounds
Info:
www.handlebarcorral.com

NORTH DAKOTA

4th Annual Boozefighters
St. Patrick's Day Party &
Bike Show
Date: Mar. 14
Place: Williston
Info: 701-770-4679,
406-951-8096

OHIO

2nd Annual Motorcycle
Swap Meet
Date: Feb. 22
Place: McMenamy's, Niles
Info: www.yan-
keelakeswapmeet.com

Motorcycle Swap Meet
Date: Mar. 15
Place: I-X Center,
Cleveland
Info: 800-968-4242
www.motorcycleswap.com

Walneck's Swap Meet
Date: Mar. 29
Place: Clark County
Fairgrounds, Springfield
Info: 630-985-2097
www.walneckswap.com

OKLAHOMA

12th Annual Motorcycle
Show
Date: Feb. 21-22
Place: State Fair Park,
Oklahoma City
Info: 816-456-4415
www.jwsapmeet.com

M/C Swap Meet
Date: Apr. 13
Place: State Fair Park,
Oklahoma City
Info: 816-456-4415
www.jwsapmeet.com

Thunder Run
Date: Apr. 3-5
Place: OKC Thunder
Cycles, Oklahoma City
Info: 405-751-3706
www.okcthundercycles.com

Cruisin the Chisholm
Trail MC Show &
Poker Run
Date: Apr. 17-18
Place: Duncan
Info: 580-252-8696
www.mainstreetduncan.com

PENNSYLVANIA

Northeast Motorcycle
Expo
Date: Mar. 14-15
Place: Greater

Philadelphia Expo Center
Info: 978-688-8888
www.kevmarv.com

Poker Run
Date: Mar. 21
Place: Reading MC
Grounds, Oley
Info: 610-987-6422
www.readingmc.com

SOUTH CAROLINA

Wild Heart SC
Support Party
Date: Mar. 28
Place: Rock City Lounge,
Little Rock
Info: 501-909-9430

TEXAS

Vietnam Vets Memorial
Hwy Run
Date: Mar. 15-17
Place: Ambassador
Motel, Perryton
Info: 806-771-5822

6th Annual South Texas
Motorcycle Show
Date: Mar. 20-22
Place: Freeman Coliseum,
San Antonio
Info:
210-832-8444 ext. 202
www.txbikeshow.com

25th Annual Circuit
Riders Campout
Date: Mar. 27-29
Place: Daniel Springs
Baptist Camp, Gary
Info: 903-852-5043
www.circuitriderscfm.org

Thunder in the Hill
Country
Date: Mar. 27-29
Place: Mansfield Park,
Bandera
Info: 936-334-0558
www.bikerralliesoftexas.com

Spring Fling
Date: Mar. 27-29
Place: Stroker's Dallas
Info: 214-357-0707
www.strokersdallas.com

Rendezvous on the
Conchos
Date: Apr. 16-19

To have your event or organization listed, get the info to us at least four months in advance. We're as accurate as possible, but dates can change, so check with the sponsors first. What's Happenin', P.O. Box 3000, Agoura Hills, CA 91376-3000 Fax: 818-889-1252; www.easyriders.com

Place: Fairgrounds,
San Angelo
Info: 325-944-2008

Lone Star Rod & Kustom
Round Up
Date: Apr. 17-19
Place: Travis County Expo
Center, Austin
Info:
www.lonestarroundup.com

25th Annual
Crawfish Boil
Date: Apr. 18
Place: Mom's Biker Bar,
Longview
Info: 903-236-9132
www.momsbikerbar.com

Ride For Kids
Date: Apr. 26
Place: Houston
Info: 800-253-6530
www.rideforkids.org

VIRGINIA

Bikes and Ink
Date: Mar. 21-22
Place: The Show Place,
Richmond
Info: 386-252-3101
www.cycleprousa.com

WASHINGTON

Seattle Roadster Show
Date: Feb. 27-Mar. 1
Place: Qwest Field Event
Center, Seattle
Info: 877-236-0632
www.rodsshows.com

WISCONSIN

ABATE Lobby Day
Date: Feb. 26
Place: State Capitol,
Madison
Info: www.abatewis.org

WYOMING

Hub City MC
April Fools Run
Date: Apr. 18
Place: Guernsey
Info: 307-836-2004;
307-836-9288

National Law Chart

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State	Safety Helmet	State Funded Rider Ed	Eye Protection	Daytime Headlight	Passenger Seat	Passenger Footrests	Passenger Age Limits	Helmet Speakers	Mirrors	Periodic Safety Inspection	Radar Detection	Lane Splitting	Handlebar Height
Alabama	r	a		17	c	c			r			p	34
Alaska	4		15	17	c	c		p	r	r-28		p	34
Arizona	4	a,12	14	17	c	c			r	r-29		p	34
Arkansas	6		r	r, 17	c	c			r	r			33
California	r	a, 6, 12		17, 21	c	c		25	r	r-28		33	39
Colorado		a, 12	r	17	c	c			r	r-28		33	39
Connecticut	4, 9	a, 4, 12	14	17, 22	c	c			r	r-28		p	
Delaware	1, 2, 5, 9	a, 4, 12, 13	r	17	c	c			r	r		33	34
Florida	32	a, 6, 12, 13	r	r, 17	c	c			r			p	36
Georgia	r	a, 12, 13	14	r, 17	c	c		26	r			p	
Hawaii	1, 4	a, 12	14		c	c	24		r	r		p	34
Idaho	4	a, 6		17	c	c						33	
Illinois		a, 4, 12, 13	14	r, 17	c	c			r			33	37
Indiana	4, 9	a, 12	4	17, 18	c	c						p	
Iowa		a, 4, 12		17, 20	c	c			r			p	
Kansas	4	a, 12	14	21	c	c			r (left)	r-28		p	37
Kentucky	3, 6, 9	a, 12	r		c	c			r	29		33	
Louisiana	r	a, 12	14	17	c	c			r (left)	r		p	34
Maine	7	a, 12, 13		r	c	c			r	r		p	37
Maryland	r, 1	a, 4, 12, 13	14		c	c		25	r	30		p	34
Massachusetts	r	a, 12	14	17	c	c		p	r	r		p	34
Michigan	r	a, 4, 12	14, 16	17	c	c			r	r-28		p	34
Minnesota	4, 9	a, 4, 12	r	r, 17	c	c		25	r	r-28		p	
Mississippi	r									r		33	41
Missouri	r	a, 12		17						r		33	34
Montana	4	a, 12		r, 17	c	c			r			p	
Nebraska	r	a, 12, 13		17	c	c						p	42
Nevada	r	a, 12	14	17	c	c			r			p	37
New Hampshire	4	a, 12	14	17	c	c			r	r		p	
New Jersey	r, 1	a	9a	17	c	c			r	r		33	37
New Mexico	1, 4	a, 4, 12, 13	14	17	c	c			r	r-28		33	
New York	r, 1		r	r, 17	c	c		25	r	r		p	37
North Carolina	r	a		r, 17	c	c			r	r		p	
North Dakota	1, 4	a, 10		17	c	c			r			p	34
Ohio	3, 4, 9	a, 4, 12	14	17	c	c			r	r, 28		33	34
Oklahoma	4		14	r, 17	c	c						33	40
Oregon	r	a, 12		r, 17	c	c			r	r, 28		p	
Pennsylvania	6	a, 12, 13	r	r, 17	c	c		26	19	r		p	
Rhode Island	3, 6, 8	a, 11, 12, 13	r		c	c		p	r	r		p	34
South Carolina	1, 6		14	r, 17	c	c			r	r		p	
South Dakota	4	a, 12, 13	14	17	c	c			r			p	34
Tennessee	r	a, 12	14	r, 17	c	c			r			p	
Texas	31	r, 4		17a	c				r	r		33	34
Utah	4	a, 12		17	c	c			r	r		p	38
Vermont	r, 1	a, 12	14	17	c	c			r	r		p	34
Virginia	r	a, 12	14	17	c	c			r	r	p	p	
Washington	r	a, 4	14	r, 17	c	c	23		r	r, 28		p	35
West Virginia	r, 1	a, 12, 13	r	r	c	c			r	r		33	34
Wisconsin	4, 9	a, 4, 12	15	r, 17	c	c			r	r, 28		p	35
Wyoming	4	a		r, 17	c	c			r			p	37
Wash. D.C.	r		14	17	c	c			r	r	p	p	34

LEGEND:

- ✓ In effect on designated rural interstate highways
- r Required by law
- a Available for all eligible applicants
- p Prohibited
- c Required if carrying a passenger
- 1 Reflectorization required
- 2 Must have in possession
- 3 Required for novice riders
- 4 Required under age 18
- 5 Required under age 19
- 6 Required under age 21
- 7 Required under age 15 with learner's permit or for one year after obtaining license
- 8 Required for passengers
- 9 Required for instructional permit holders

- 10 Required under age 16
- 11 Required for first-time applicants
- 12 May waive skills test for successful completion of rider education
- 13 May waive knowledge test for successful completion of rider education
- 14 Required by law unless equipped with windscreen
- 15 Required unless equipped with windscreen that is 15 inches above handlebars
- 16 Required at speeds over 35 mph
- 17 Modulating headlight permitted
- 18 Required for vehicles manufactured after 1/1/56
- 19 Required for vehicles manufactured after 1/1/75
- 20 Required for vehicles manufactured after 4/1/77
- 21 Required for vehicles manufactured during or after 1978
- 22 Required for vehicles during or after 1980
- 23 Prohibits passengers under age 5
- 24 Prohibits passengers under age 7
- 25 Single earphone only
- 26 To be used for communication purposes only
- 27 Required by inspection regulations
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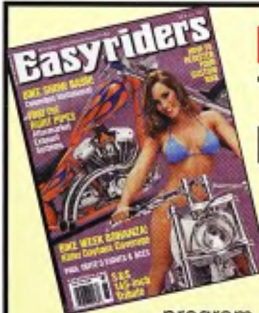
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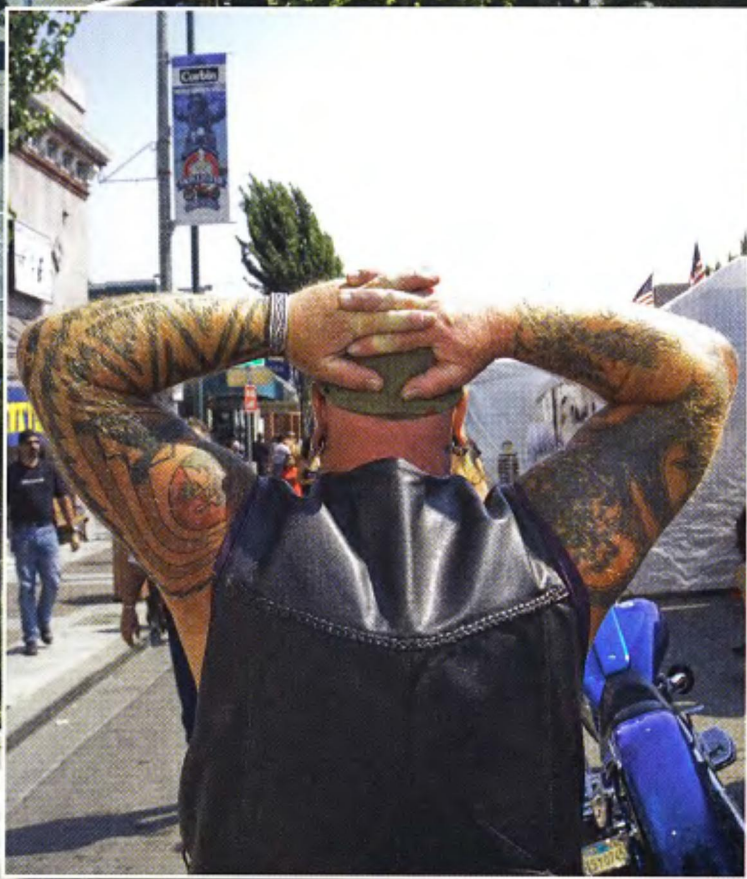
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WHY HOLLISTER SUCKED

If you're a longtime reader of *Easyriders*, you know that we don't generally rag on people. But sometimes we have to come right out and say when something just sucks the big one. Please take a look at the photos on these pages of the 2008 Hollister Run. Our photographer did all he could to take pictures of people having a good time at the July event, but you may notice that the coverage looks... well.... tame.





Where are all the bouncin' boobs? Where are the pics of crazy waitresses giving jello shots to drunken bikers? Where's the coleslaw wrestling? Yeah. There aren't any. Know why? COPS! The little burg of Hollister seems to have bought into the concept that all bikers are crazed hellions out to rape your daughters and burn the town to the ground, because they brought out a massive army of police to CONTROL such heinous acts as walking around and looking at vendor tents and eating chicken.

"Hey bro, what do you want to do?"

"Well, we could go over to Corbin's and look at those goofy three-wheeled things he makes."

"Yeah, that's exciting..."

NOT!

The only truly righteous thing that happened in Hollister during the run was seeing all the old timers from clubs like the Boozefighters and Top Hatters having group shots taken together. Maybe I've got this whole thing wrong. Maybe it wasn't a bike run. Maybe it was really a cop convention. Maybe Hollister is interested in selling a lot of donuts to big-bellied cops. Maybe that is what this run is all about.

All I know is, any town that works this hard to make sure that you don't have a good time while pouring your cash into local eateries and bars needs a wake up call. Not that Hollister gives a shit, but we won't be back.

Oh, that's right, we CAN'T go back anyway. The Hollister City Council cancelled this July's rally. Why? They couldn't afford to pay all the COPS!

—Dave Nichols

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Daytona Bike Week 2009

This year's Running of the Bikes, also known as the 68th Daytona Bike Week, will be occurring from February 27 through March 8, 2009. We don't want to bore you with a lot of verbiage on how great this place is. If you don't know by now, you might as well crawl back under that rock you call home. And if you do, then I'm just preaching to the choir anyway, so let me shut up and leave you with the simple reminder that Daytona is in Florida and that you can get there from most places in this country by pointing your hawg south or southeast. For the

more confused among you, maps are available just about anywhere these days, even on the Internet.

So, go (fill in your specific direction), young man! Or woman! A true cornucopia of fun and hijinks are awaiting you on what back in the 1920s was called "The World's Most Famous Beach." And if you insist on some more precise and up-to-date information before you leave, there are lots of good Web sites, but the official one is probably the best one:

www.officialbikeweek.com

—Tripper

Destination Daytona

Still there on I-95 and U.S. 1, Exit 273, Destination Daytona has become the place to be during Daytona Bike Week. It has anything and everything the modern biker could possibly wish for: Food and dining options, bars and pubs, specialty shops, biker wedding and vow renewal packages, real estate offices, the Wyotech Institute, and even 109,000 square feet full of brand-new Harley-Davidsons (just in case you've got your heart set on one). That's right, Bruce Rossmeier's Destination Daytona is the mega biker mall of the future, and, as such, it may have something other malls have, too, but no other mall in the world has this: the Teresi Dyno-Drags truck.

Daily Events

As usual, events, their times and dates are subject to change, so check the official Daytona Bike Week Guide when you get there, available at the Daytona Beach Area Convention & Visitors Bureau at 386-255-0415 or 800-854-1234. Or check with their official Web site (which is where we always get our info): www.officialbikeweek.com. E-mail address: info@daytonachamber.com

February 27 – March 8, 2009
67th Anniversary of Bike Week—
area-wide—386-255-0981

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Riverfront Park; Beach Street; 386-255-0981, ext. 230; www.officialbikeweek.com

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St., Daytona Beach; 386-253-2453

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Iron Horse Saloon

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Jackson Hole Saloon

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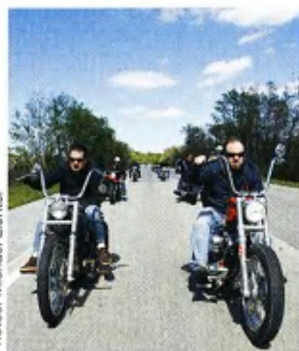
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Isn't it amazing how once you get home from a bike rally, friends, family, co-workers and Joe Blow at the gas station are just itchin' to get all the details? A lot of these folks who don't live in the biker world don't have any idea how much fun a bike run really is. Once they hear about all the naked babes, burnouts and plenty of cold beer, what more do they really need to know? For an outsider, the beer, bikes and



babes are really all they can relate to. But for those of us who actually put some wind in our faces and deal with the elements, it's all about freedom of the road. As the saying goes "It's not the destination, it's the journey."

The annual Freedom Rally, held in Algona, Iowa, every July 4th weekend is ABATE of Iowa's biggest fundraiser and the funds are used to help preserve our



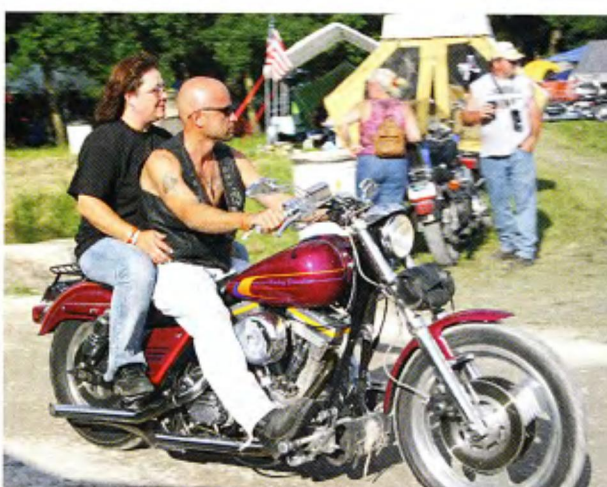
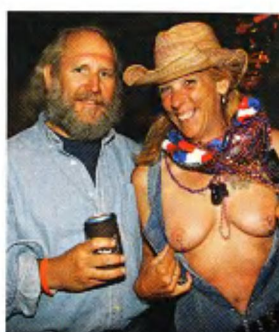
freedom of the road. Bikers roll in from all over the Midwest on Thursday, July 3. Over 30 vendors open shop, the beer barn is in full swing and the food court takes care of the munchies all weekend long. There's also plenty of live music including such bands as Head East and Think Floyd USA, Jackyl, Slow Ride, Joe Diffie and Point Blank.

A motorcycle rodeo including sled pulls is held in the back 40, which is also where the burnout pit is located. Other sources of entertainment include a ride-in bike show, a tattoo contest, and Dyno-



Drags competitions. Of course, riding and taking in the local scenery is always a pleasure. But the main attraction takes place on the main stage where opening ceremonies honor our country's military, fallen ABATE members, and the folks who bust their balls to make this event a success. Directly following the ceremony, things start to get wild when Moody and Rick grab microphones and wrangle up a whole bunch of babes from the crowd to come strut their stuff in what ABATE of Iowa calls a cool down contest, since it is typically 90 degrees in the shade.







The ladies are divided into two categories, Big Twin and Sportster for obvious reasons. Boxes are passed through the crowds for donations and the top three winners in each category take home cash prizes and bragging rights for their proud parents back home.

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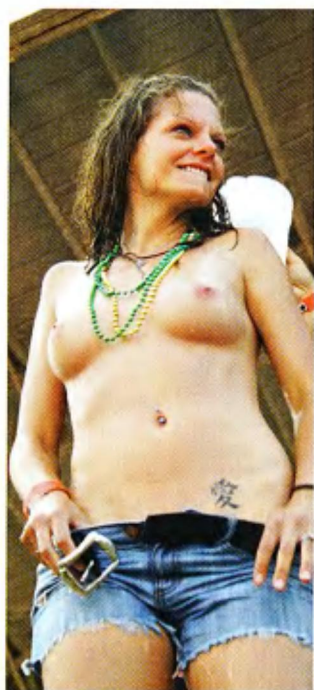
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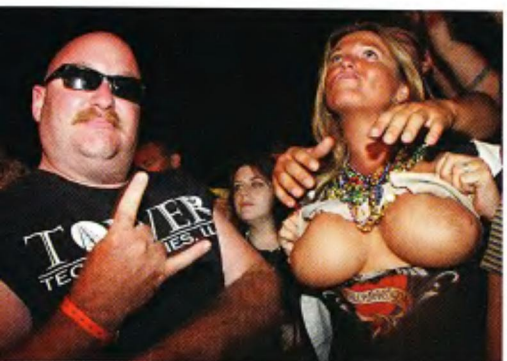
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is owned by ABATE of Iowa and is called Freedom Park. There's plenty of shade for camping and roadways throughout the park to make it easy to get around. Beer, ice and firewood are available, as are hot showers. Next year's rally will be held on July 2 - 5 marking the 25th anniversary of the Freedom Rally. For more information please visit abateiowafreedomrally.com or call them at 641-858-5001. —Natanic

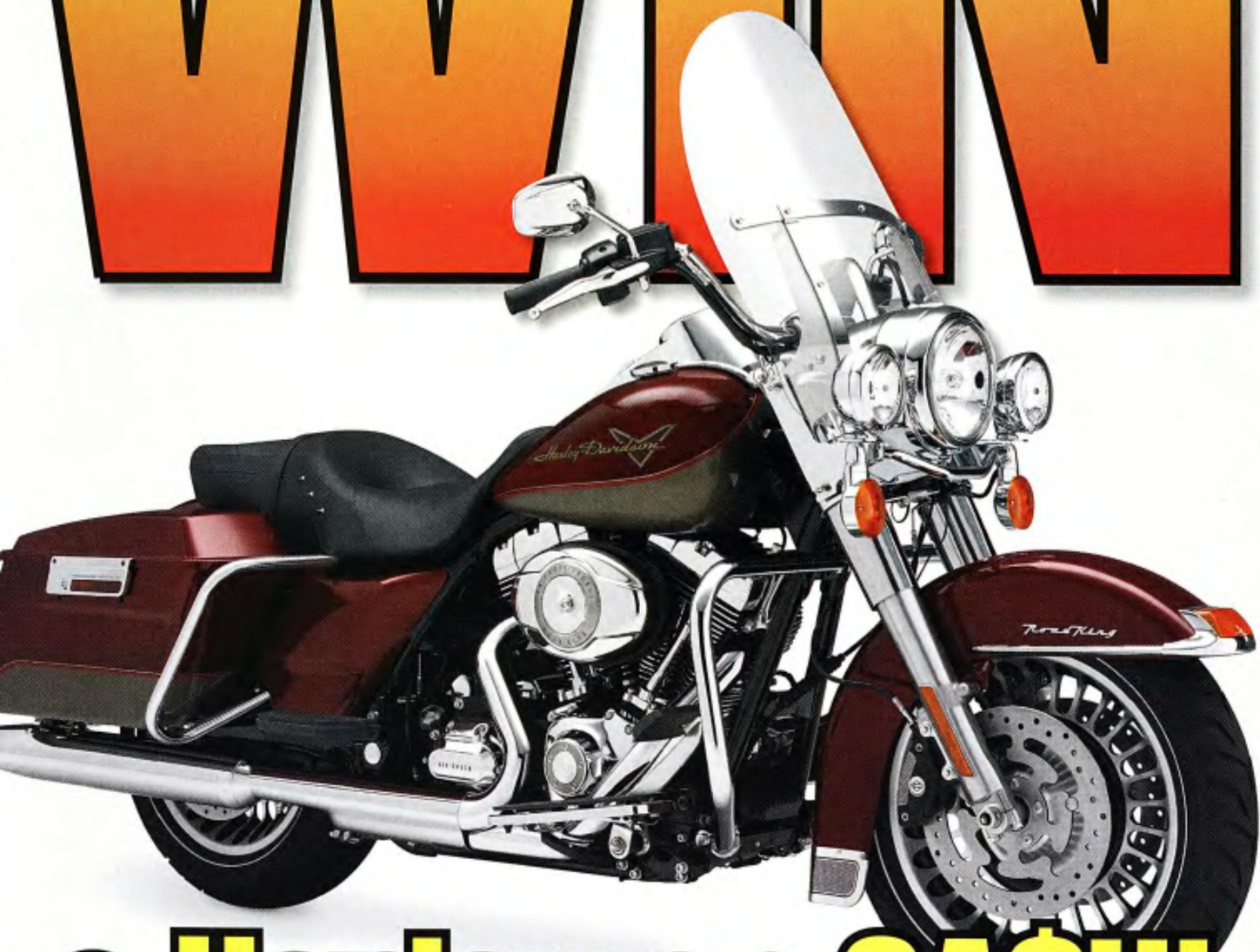
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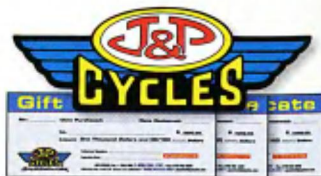
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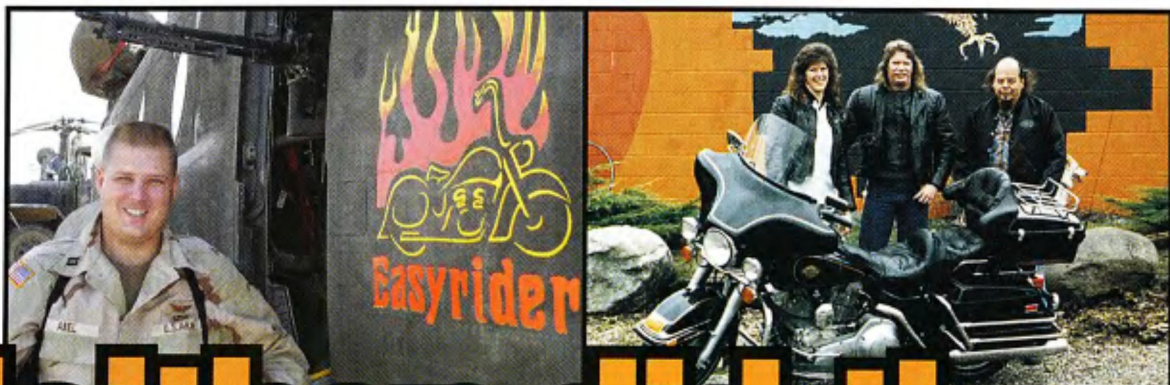


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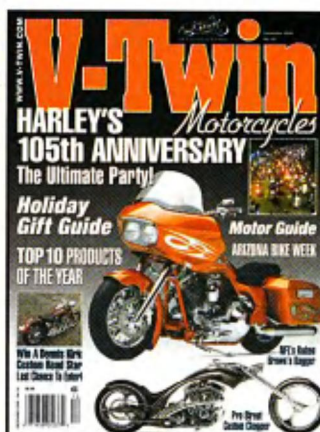
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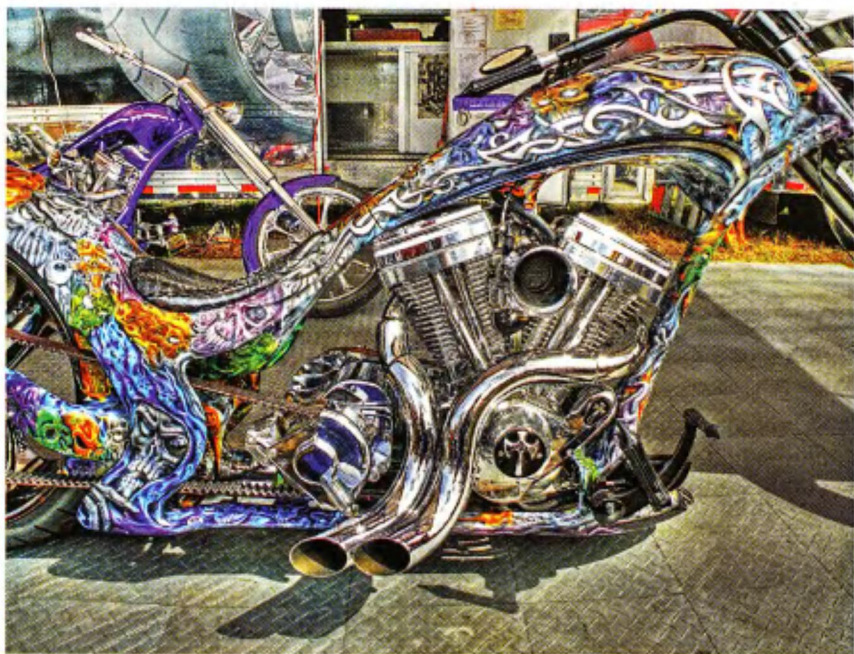
The Moto Art of John Adams

Remember how the musical-fantasy film *The Wizard of Oz* opens in black and white, switches to Technicolor during Dorothy's dream sequence then reverts back to black and white format at the end of the movie? Photographer John Adams began making black and white pictures at age 13 and for years worked exclusively that format. In the interest of economy and necessity, he even taught himself black and white film processing and built his own enlarger. Decades later, he discovered the merits of color and switched to that format when he picked up his first digital camera, and, unlike the movie, has not gone back to black and white—at least not yet.

"I lived and dreamed in black and white and could not even imagine shooting color in my younger years; now it is the reverse," explains John. Although his favorite photographers' works are all black and white, he only sees color for his own. "Color is my world," he says. John shoots everything in natural light always looking for intensity in light, color and presentation. By taking multiple exposures of each picture, he can use the best parts of each exposure to create his final image. John explains that world-famous photographer Ansel Adams' work was not simply a matter of getting the right shot, but also the product of hours of work "burning and dodging" each print. "His famous quote sums it up so eloquently," says John, "You don't take a photograph, you make it."

Nature and steel, seemingly diametrically opposed as subjects, are two of John's sources of inspiration that, for him, seamlessly coexist. "Nature is king and our world...the simple things that usually go unnoticed by most are now my never-ending source of inspiration," John explains. On the other hand, "Steel and art are from man's nature...and I've always been inspired by the beautiful works people can create," he says. John sees bikes as part of the art world, "steel art" he calls them. He finds them amazing because, unlike traditional art and displays, bikes are designed to be interactive, in short, "You can ride them." Be they of nature or steel, John has developed his own distinct techniques when making his pictures, and color and angle are key.

In making his shots of bikes, John's technique and perspective comes from



his goal to capture the vision and dedication of the builder. To achieve this, he treats the metal as an icon, focusing only on the machine and trying to eliminate all people in view. (Notice the angles of his shots.) He says, "I found that the closer I got to the ground, the more heads and bodies I could hide." One of his favorite bike shots was taken from ground level with the front tire right in his face and a reflection of the entire bike in the glass of Arlen Ness's shop level during Bikeweek 2008. "When I was shooting this, one of the staff was kind enough to come over to check to see if I was all right as I was lying down on the ground behind the last row of bikes under the tent display," comments John. Even when lying down on the job, John's all about the work and continues down his chosen path.

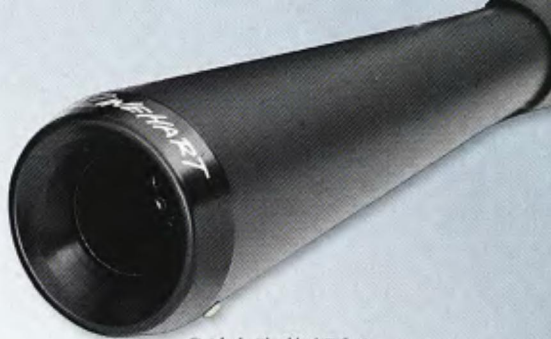
"Taking and working on pictures is personally more fulfilling than anything I have ever done before, and I do not feel right any more, like something important is missing, if I haven't taken or worked on a picture every day of the week," he says. In addition to creating daily images, John is working on two books: his second on bike photography and another featuring regional images near his Florida home. One of his biggest challenges is his current work to refine his panoramic techniques. John is fortunate because whatever the project, his fantasy film is all-color all the time and represents both his dream and his reality. —Joanne Morris

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The Little Chopper

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Sometimes bad things turn out just fine. This eye-popping chopper was originally slated for a customer of Eddie Trotta's, but about three-quarters of the way through the build, the guy just flat disappeared. "He must have gone broke, or maybe got kidnapped by aliens, who knows," Eddie says now. For whatever reason, he was in Fort Lauderdale one



day talking about having a custom bike built and gone the next, leaving Eddie with an almost completed bike on his hands. The missing man had originally listed just about everything he wanted, but as Eddie says, "For the most part I did what I wanted to with this one, anyway—except for the oil tank. I wanted a little round one, he didn't." But with the customer missing, the question became what to do with it now? The answer was to turn a bad thing into something good and, towards that end, the whole exercise became a nice prototype for a new series of Little Choppers from Thunder Cycle. Eddie's built a handful of them since, each one slightly better than the last, not that this one, Number One, has a thing to be ashamed of. Far from it. This cobalt blue and silver-flamed chopper is a sweet little ride.

"I call 'em Little Choppers," Eddie



says. "I don't call them bobbers because they're not bobbers. Not even close. These things are choppers, plain and simple." The frame for Number One came out of Max Metal Works in Canada. Simple and straightforward, just like the bike for which it serves as a base, Eddie's been using these frames for about a year now and is happy with every one he's used. For the gas tank, he took one of Jesse James' CCI tanks and cut about 2 inches out of its center, narrowing it up and blending everything back into the seat and rear fender, which was then all molded into that Canadian-bred frame. The Metzeler rubber, a hefty 240 out



back, wraps around a pair of Motorcycle Consultants laced rims and up front—what else for a chopper—it's a Paughco springer. The 93-inch panhead, another chopper classic, is a brand-new S&S backed with a 6-into-4 Baker, kicker of course.



Choppers need high bars and the 16 inches Eddie whipped up turned out so nice he recently made 100 more. "We're using them a lot," he says. "They're cool looking and they're really comfortable." With a well-thought-out pullback, the bars don't feel as tall as they look.

The final color choice for all this fell into Eddie's hands as well. "The disappearing guy originally wanted blue, which was fine with me. But I really love cobalt blue and try to use it as often as I can." He did here, first laying down a pattern of silver-leaf flames that really only pop in the sunlight, then topping it off with some more flames—Cadillac Escalade pearl white this time.

Too bad that the guy who ordered this bike didn't stick around long enough to pick it up. He missed out on a winner.

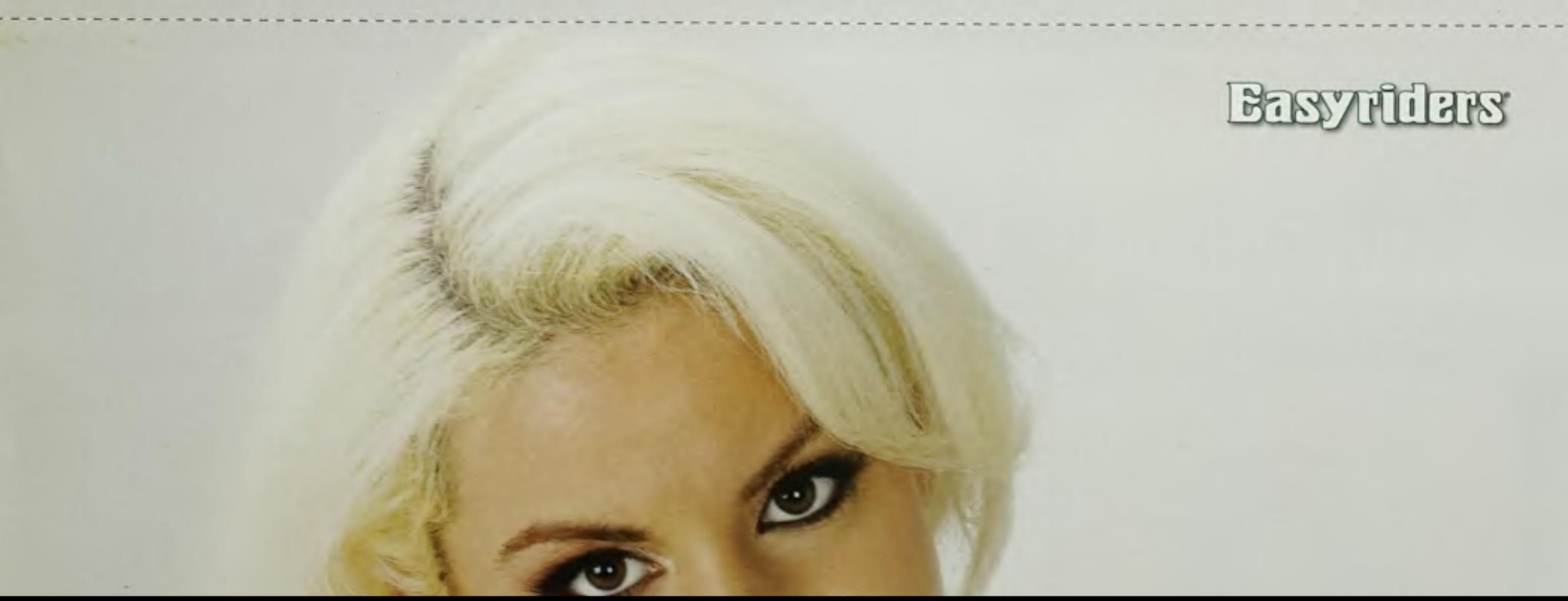
—Joe Kress

RITA

This month's *Easyriders* centerfold girl is righteous Rita from the Sunshine State. She makes Eddie Trotta's Little Chopper one Big Winner.

First crease at perforation, then remove poster at right. ►

Easyriders





A few minutes before the church services started, the congregation was sitting in their pews and talking. Suddenly, Satan appeared at the front of the church. Everyone started screaming and running for the back entrance, trampling each other in a frantic effort to get away from evil incarnate.

Soon the church was empty except for one elderly gentleman who sat calmly in his pew without moving, seemingly oblivious to the fact that God's ultimate enemy was in his presence.

So Satan walked up to the man and said, "Do you know who I am?"

The man replied, "Yep, sure do."

"Aren't you afraid of me?" Satan asked.

"Nope, sure ain't," said the man.

"Don't you realize I can kill you with one word?" asked Satan.

"Don't doubt it for a minute," returned the old man, in an even tone.

"Did you know that I can cause you profound, horrifying agony for all eternity?" persisted Satan.

"Yep," was the calm reply.

"And you're still not afraid?" asked Satan.

"Nope," said the old man.

More than a little perturbed, Satan asked, "Why aren't you afraid of me?"

The man calmly replied, "Been married to your sister for 48 years."

Frank Szynal

Millville, New Jersey

Legend has it that there is a bar in New York where, in the ladies room, there is a very special mirror. If one stands in front of the mirror and tells the truth, one is granted a wish. However, if one tells a lie, "POOF" you are instantly swallowed up by the mirror, never to be seen again.

A redhead of questionable looks walks into the ladies room and stands before the mirror and says, "I think I'm the most beautiful woman in the world." "POOF" the mirror swallows her.

Next, a rather large brunette stands before the mirror and says, "I think I'm the sexiest woman alive!" "POOF" the mirror swallows her.

Then an absolutely gorgeous blonde comes in and stands before the mirror and says, "I think..." "POOF"

Rocky Meyerson

West Palm Beach, Florida

Mad Dog finds an old lamp by the side of the road. He picks it up and out pops a genie who offers him a wish.

"I wish for tequila whenever I want it," says Mad Dog. "Make me pee tequila!"

The genie grants the wish and then Mad



"You're looking for a no good lousy bum? Can you be more specific?"

Dog gets home and he pisses in a glass. It's the best damn tequila the bro has ever tasted.

Mad Dog convinces his old lady to drink a glass, and she loves it. So he sets out two glasses and fills them with tequila. The two drink all night long.

The next night, Mad Dog tells his ol' lady, "Grab one glass and we'll drink tequila."

"Why just one glass, huh?" the babe asks.

"Because tonight," Mad Dog replies, "you're gonna drink straight from the bottle."

Burt Whitcomb

Palmdale, California

Two old biker broads, Gertie and Maggie, were talking about sex one day. "Y'know, after all these years I still enjoy a good screw just as much as ever," said Gertie.

Maggie looked surprised. "Yer ol' man still finds you attractive?" she asked. "What's your secret?"

"Well," explained Gertie, "the minute I hear my ol' man riding up, I take a shower, jump into bed and throw my feet up over my head. Then when he comes into the bedroom he gets turned on and away we go."

That night, Maggie decided to try this approach. When she heard her ol' man riding up, she took a quick shower, jumped into bed and threw her feet up over her head.

Her ol' man came into the bedroom, took one look and exclaimed, "For crissakes, woman, comb your hair and put your teeth back in!"

David Chance

Ogden, Utah

A man and a woman were waiting at the hospital donation center.

The man asked, "What are you doing here today?"

The woman replied, "Oh, I'm here to donate blood. They're going to give me \$5 for it!"

"Hmmm, that's nice. I'm here to donate sperm. They pay me \$25 for it."

The woman looked thoughtful for a moment. They chatted a little more, then went their separate ways. A couple of months later the same man and woman meet again at the donation center.

"Oh, hi there! Here to donate blood again?"

The woman with her mouth closed, shakes her head, "Uhh uhh."

Mark Allen

Trion, Georgia

A woman came home and found this letter from her husband....

My Dear Wife,

You will surely understand that I have certain needs that you with your 54-year-old body

can no longer supply. However, I am very happy with you, and I value you as a good wife.

Therefore, after reading this letter, I hope that you will not wrongly interpret the fact that I will be spending the evening with my 18-year-old secretary at the Comfort Inn Hotel.

Please don't be angry; I shall be back home before midnight.

When the man came home, he found the following note on the dining room table....

My Dear Husband,

I received your letter and thank you for your honesty. I would like to take this opportunity to remind you that you are also 54-years-old.

At the same time, I would like to inform you that while you are reading this I will be at the Ritz Carlton with Michael, my tennis coach, who, like your secretary, also is 18-years-old.

As a successful businessman and with your excellent knowledge of math, you will understand that we are in the same situation, although with one small difference: 18 goes into 54 a lot more times than 54 goes into 18.

Therefore, I will not be back until lunchtime tomorrow.

Your Wife,

Bob Grinch

Ridgewood, New Jersey

A husband and wife are getting ready for bed. The wife is standing in front of a full-length mirror taking a hard look at herself.

"You know, love," she says, "I look in the mirror and I see an old woman. My face is wrinkled, my boobs are barely above my waist, my butt is hanging out a mile, my legs are fat and my arms are flabby."

She turns to her husband and says, "Tell me something positive to make me feel better about myself."

He thinks about it for a bit and then says, "Well there's nothing wrong with your eyesight!"

Sonya Sneathen

Artesia, New Mexico

A very confident James Bond walks into a bar and takes a seat next to a very attractive woman. He gives her a quick glance then casually looks at his watch for a moment.

The woman notices this and asks, "Is your date running late?"

"No," he replies. "Q has just given me this state-of-the-art watch. I was just testing it."

The intrigued woman says, "A state-of-the-art watch? What's so special about it?"

Bond explains, "It uses alpha waves to talk to me telepathically."

The lady says, "What's it telling you now?"

"Well, it says you're not wearing any pants."

The woman giggles and replies, "Well it must be broken because I am wearing panties!"

Bond smirks, taps his watch and says, "Bloody thing's an hour fast."

Kurt Messner

Verona, Wisconsin

Face it—everybody can use a good laugh now and then. That ain't to say you're gonna find one on these pages, but whatdabell, we hadda fill the space somehow, and you're at least bound to run into a gut-grabbin' groaner or two. Think you can do any better? Prove it. Send us your best stuff. We'll pay \$40 in hard American cash for every knee-slappin' newie or moldy oldie that we print. Sorry, but contributions can be neither acknowledged nor returned. Send yer smilers to: Jokes, c/o Easyriders, P.O. Box 3000, Agoura Hills, CA 91376-3000, or e-mail them to us at PaisanoPub@aol.com.



"Wow, this place really is famous for them!"



Owner: Eddie Trotta
City: Fort Lauderdale, Florida

GENERAL

Designer: Eddie Trotta
Fabrication: Thunder Cycle Design
Year/make: 2008 Thunder Cycle Design
Model: Pan Chopper
Assembly: Thunder Cycle Design
Time: 4 months
Chroming: Chrome Masters

ENGINE

Year and make: 2008 S&S panhead
Rebuilder: Thunder Cycle Design
Displacement: 93 cubic inches
Ignition: Crane
Cam: S&S
Carb: S&S

Air cleaner: Thunder V-Stack
Pipes: Thunder Cycle Design

TRANSMISSION

Year/make: 2008 Baker 6-into-4
Shifting: 6-speed, kicker

PAINTING

Painter: Bones
Color: cobalt blue

FRAME

Year/make: 2008 Max Metal
Type: rigid
Rake: 38 degrees
Stretch: none
Shocks: none

ACCESSORIES

Handlebars: Thunder Cycle Design
Handlebar controls: Performance Machine
Fenders: Thunder Cycle Design
Headlight: Thunder Cycle Design
Taillight: Thunder Cycle Design
Pegs: Thunder Cycle Design
Foot controls: Thunder Cycle Design
Gas tank: Thunder Cycle Design
Oil tank: Thunder Cycle Design
Seat: Thunder Cycle Design
Mirrors: Thunder Cycle Design
Grips: Thunder Cycle Design

FRONT END

Type: springer, 2 inches over
Builder: Paughco

WHEELS

Make: Thunder Cycle Design
Size: 21-inch front, 18-inch rear
Tires: Metzeler, 240 rear
Brakes: HHI

Photos: Don Rogers
Contact: Thunder Cycle Design;
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HIGH SCHOOL BIKERS GO WILD

Hill's Angels

Don't you wish you could have had a class like this when you were in high school? You build a custom Harley with the help of your art teacher and the advice of a professional custom bike builder, and, at the end, the bike gets raffled off in support of a good cause. It's a win-win situation, no matter how you look at it. And the high school kids who participated in the build can claim a coolness that even the Fonz couldn't beat.

It seems Steve Lundy, mild-mannered high school art teacher by day and aspiring motorcycle rebel at night, had stopped at Hill's Performance in Ney, Ohio, for some "teaching inspiration" and found exactly what he was looking for. He then brought two of his art classes to the shop, infused the students with enthusiasm, and an idea was born. After Lundy had drawn up a proposal for the Board of Education and discussed the idea with Jeff Hill, the shop's owner, the light turned green and the project was underway.

The students at North Central High in nearby Pioneer, who aptly called their "gang" the Hill's Angels, then met several times a week after school for the next few months to finish what they had started. From the original 25 students who gathered for the first meeting, 9 actually stayed through the entire project, all the way to the sweet finish.

Each and every decision had to be agreed upon by all of the participating students, who then got to take part in every step of the building process from building the mock-up bike to running the grinder, learning how to weld to the final assembly. Jeff Hill was there every step of the way, too, giving the students ideas and telling them what would work and what wouldn't.

It took the students about three months to build the mock-up bike and 40 minutes to tear it apart for painting, which was donated by Rex Hasch of Hasch's Body Shop in nearby Bryan, Ohio. The class had picked a dark cherry color as the main color, and some very cool ghost flames a couple of shades lighter. Once the bike was painted, the class then meticulously put it all together during final assembly.

Until the raffle, which was to happen on December 11, 2008, the bike was shown at various shows and events where it caused quite a stir and induced many a hopeful and potential



owner to buy a raffle ticket.

The students are proud of their feat, and deservedly so, but they are especially proud, we are told, of the fact that they are the first high school in the Midwest to build a custom Harley-Davidson motorcycle. Of course, if they have their way,

it won't be the last one. In fact, plans have already been made for building another one. It'll have a different style and maybe a different group building it, but North County High School in Pioneer, Ohio, seems determined to give MMI a run for its money.

—Kai R.

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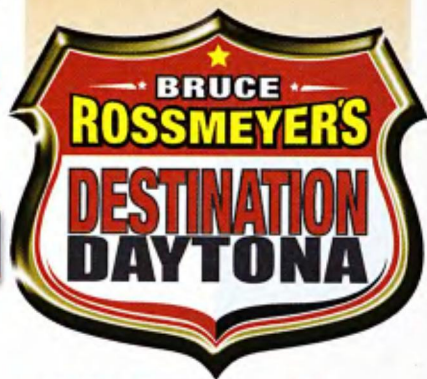
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—Bill Cromwell, Woodstock Bike Show, MD



Old-skool kool.

—Chopper Fred, Sharon, PA



Kimbo, Wayne and Terry.

—Ila Robinson, Somerville, TX



"Here I am again, tits hangin' out and didn't win shit!"

—Ken Morse, Freedom Rally 2008, Algona, IA



Party putt.

—Scott Southwick, Harley Rendezvous 2008



Gettin' a little respect.

—Kimmy Cruz, Fayetteville, AR



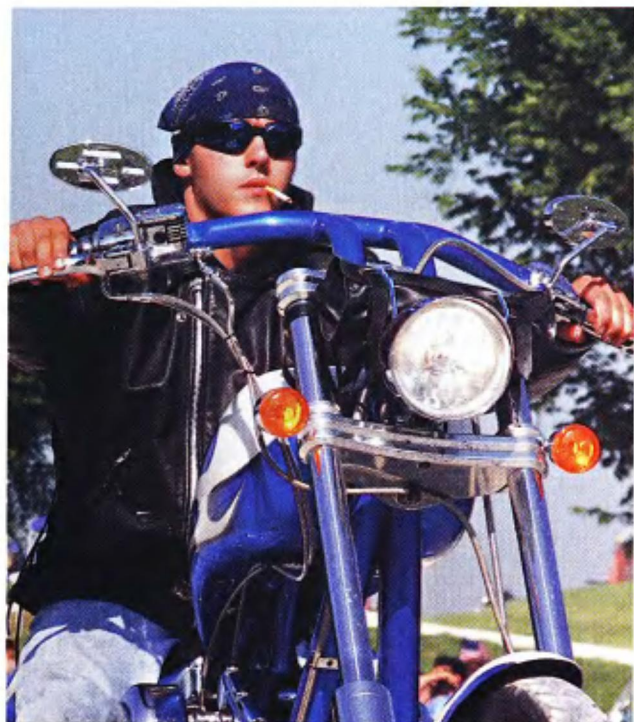
Santa and his backup elf posse.

—Notch, Paris, TN



White Americans for Beer!

—Bill Cromwell, 7th Annual Jerry Holden Birthday Ride, MD



Ride 'em, smoke 'em if ya got 'em. —Bret Brandt, On the road, IA



A bead bra at Dawgs on Haws! —Vic Pecorino, Somerville, TX



Look, Ma, I got me a biker. Yahooo!

—Egg and Pez, CMRA Toy Run, CT

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LUCKY LADY

With A Splash Of Teal

There are household names and there are garagehold names, Don Hotop is an acknowledged A-list member of the garagehold genre. With some 30 years of wrenching, he's not only filled the pages of bike mags, but the pages of the Drag Specialties Fat Book catalog with his creations as well.

Because Don wants to continue to stay on good terms with his wife, Terena, he decided to fashion her a new set of wheels. Don previously put together a very tasty solo seat Sportster for her that benefited from some hopped up pistons and heads for some extra performance.





"She throws some saddlebags over it and rides to Sturgis and all over," Don says. "But besides some motor upgrades and chroming, you could say it's stock. One day I told her we're really not into the stock bike business here, so we need to build you something that goes along with this shop. She said, 'Cool,' and away I went. She did have two requirements. One, that the bars wouldn't be too high and, two, it had to have some teal color in the paintjob." When asked how much teal she got, Don says, "Just a splash. On the top and side of the gas tank and on top of the rear fender."

Since she was used to the relative lightweight feel of the Sporty, Don trimmed the bobber to land light on the scales. "Because you really can't build a bobber with anything newer than a shovelhead, I picked the motor. We went for the high-compression, 93-inch S&S



motor. You also need a springer, so we bolted on a Paughco front end. The bike is quick, nimble and easy to operate. When she took her first ride, she just said, 'Wow, I love this thing.'" Don adds, "Ever since that first ride, that poor ol' Sportster been gathering dust. She's got about 4,000 miles on the bobber so far. Now when we show up somewhere, people crowd around her and her bike and nobody pays any attention to what I just built. I guess calling the bike 'Lucky Lady' got it right."

Just to keep up the pace, Don's been tinkering on a new bike. Call it "The 33" as it will celebrate his 33 years in the business. "When I first opened the shop I used to build a lot of drag racing type bikes that you could run on the street or on the strip, so I'm building myself a little Hotop racer looking bike with a 121-inch TP Engineering motor. It's painted black with some orange striping...but no teal. Now Terena's been looking at it and says she wants to ride it, but this one's for me."

Don will build you a bobber or a hot Sportster or a performance bagger or a vintage racer, you name it. As for more teal, that's your deal.

—Paul Garson





Owner: Terena Hotop
City: Ft. Madison, Iowa
GENERAL
Designer: Don Hotop
Fabrication: Don Hotop
Year/make: 2006 Hotop custom
Model: bobber
Assembly: Don Hotop
Time: 8 months
Chroming: Precision Plating

ENGINE

Year: 2006 S&S Shovel
Builder: S&S
Displacement: 93 cubic inches
Cam: S&S
Ignition: S&S
Pistons: S&S
Heads: S&S
Lifters: S&S
Carb(s): S&S E
Air cleaner: Poole/Don Hotop

TRANSMISSION

Make: Baker
Year: 2006
Shifting: foot

PAINTING

Painter: Mike Robins
Color/type: black and teal
Special paint: Gary Barnes

FRAME

Year: 2006
Builder: NYC
Rake: 33 degrees
Stretch: none
Shocks: rigid

ACCESSORIES

Bars: Don Hotop Apes
Handlebar controls: PM

Fenders: Wernimount
Headlight: Headwinds
Taillight: CCI
Speedo: Drag Specialties
Front pegs: Don Hotop
Rear pegs: no
Electrics: Compu-fire/Don Hotop
Gas tank: Don Hotop
Oil tank: NYC
Grips: Performance Machine

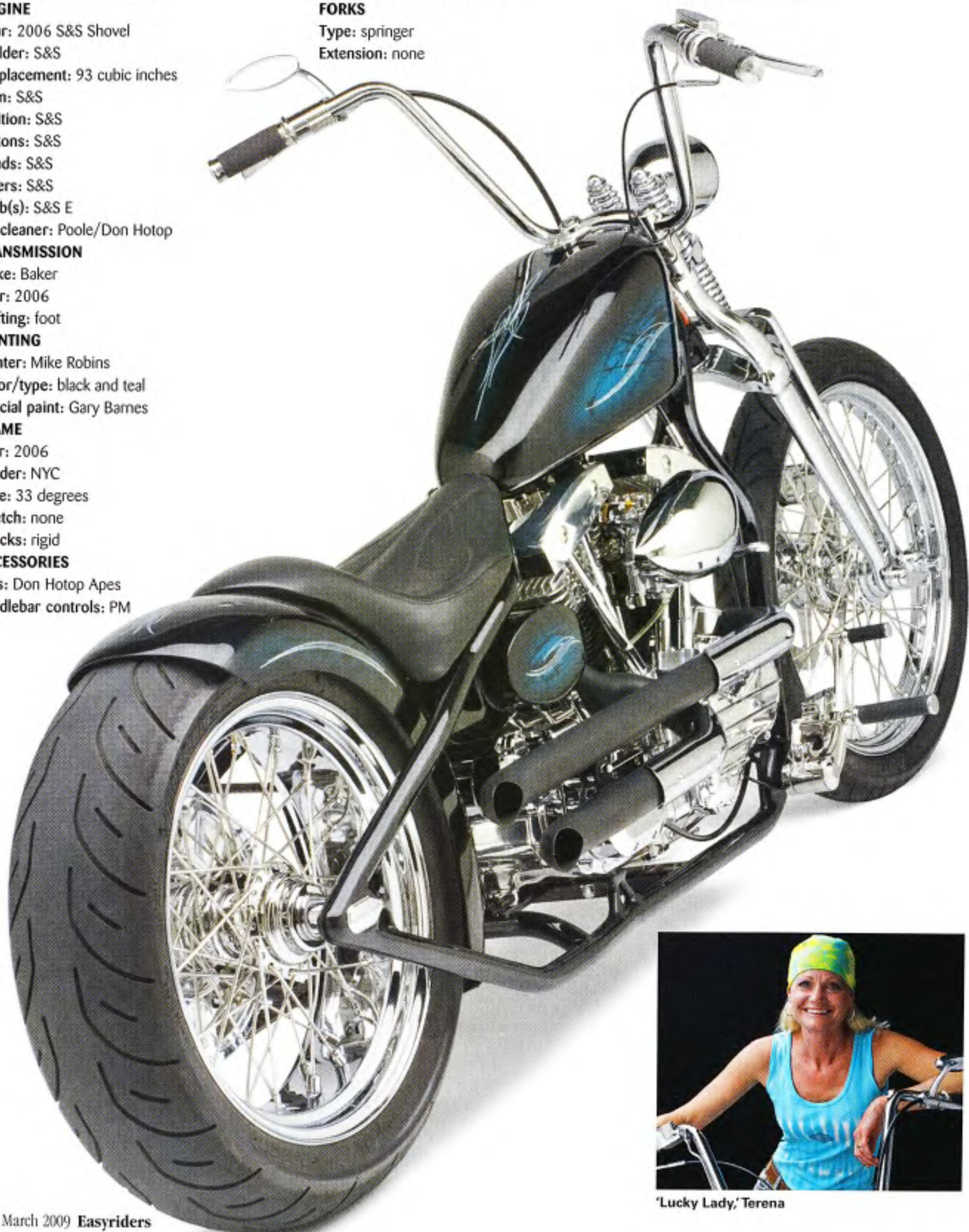
FORKS

Type: springer
Extension: none

Builder: Paughco

WHEELS

Size: 21-inch front, 18-inch rear
Wheels: Drag Specialties
Tires: Avon
Brakes: GMA
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'Lucky Lady,' Terena

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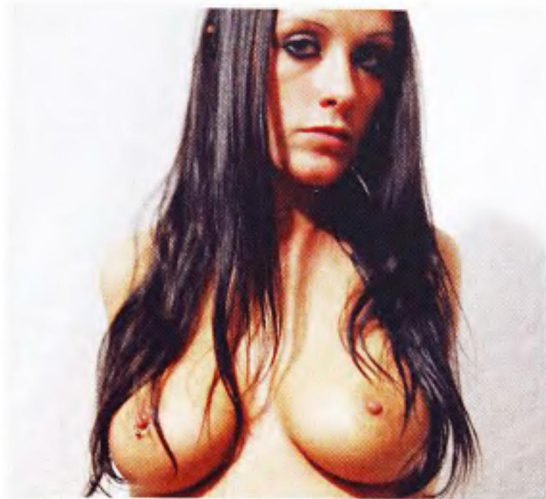
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Here she is, bros, your October winner Andrea, all the way from the great north of...Cali. Chosen by the hundreds of thousands of you who voted, the Amazing Andrea took some time off from her day job as a show-stopping contortionist to come and pose before the ever-nimble and quick lensman Mike Chase aboard Scott Hultquist's tequila-flavored Riff Raff Custom. As stated, in her off time, Andrea performs by stretching her lithe body into all kinds of positions for the entertainment of others. What's that you say? A stripper? Oh heaven's no...she's a gymnast and a clown for hire for kid's parties.

—Franky Four Fingers



Shotgun—Ohio

#0301

I love having guys ask me to go on rides with them on all kinds of different bikes, but only my man's Harley works for me!



Christeena—Ohio

#0302

I was a little nervous, but once we started I was hooked. I love the wind in my face, the vibration of the bike and my legs wrapped around my man!

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Angela—Massachusetts

#0303

My uncle took me on a ride when I was six. I was scared to death. When I got off, I knew I was hooked.



Kristi—Ohio

#0304

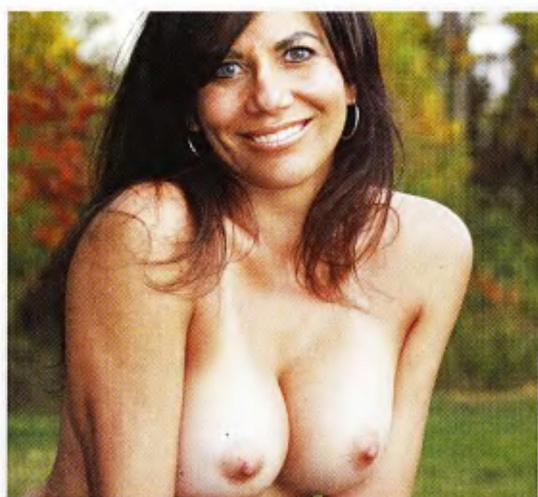
My parents raced each other to see who could get their license first. My mom won and took me on a celebratory sunset ride. I was seven and remember it well.



Bobbie—Wisconsin

#0305

My first ride was on my husband's Night Train. The sound and vibrations were intoxicating... and a real turn-on.



Karen—Pennsylvania

#0306

My first ride was with my boyfriend. I loved the wind blowing through my hair and I felt so free. It took me to another world.

After 35 glorious years of sharing "biker girls next door" with our readers in the monthly Fox Hunt Contest, *Easyriders* is proud to announce that we are doubling up on the winnings! That's right ladies, **win \$1,000** by being selected as our Fox Hunt Winner of the month and get a photo spread in *Easyriders* magazine! You can also submit your application online by going to **www.easyriders.com** and clicking on Fox Hunt.

We're looking for the best-looking, real-life, bike-lovin' babes to show their stuff in our pages. If your entry is submitted by a photographer and selected as our monthly winner, the photographer gets \$300 for sending in the photo; the Fox Hunt Winner gets \$700 for modeling at our studio or choice of location. Girls, send in your own photo and keep the entire \$1,000! We'll include round-trip airfare, a personal chaperone and accommodations at a deluxe hotel for the photo shoot.

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Please submit three to five color prints, color slides, or digital images (4x6 300DPI minimum on a disc). No photos will be returned and all entries become the property of Paisano Publications, LLC. Send your entry to: *Easyriders* Fox Hunt, P.O. Box 3000, Agoura Hills, CA 91376-3000.

The contestants are selected by our lecherous staff, and the winner is determined by reader votes, based on how many votes are received in the mail during the voting period. Final judging will be based partially on the contestants' reasons — in writing — for wanting to pose for *Easyriders*.

Ladies, in your own sweet, legible handwriting, please fill out the entry form and answer the question at the bottom of the page.

Readers, exercise your God-given right as a biker and reader of this rag and vote. Simply write the name and number of the lady you like best on a postcard — or on the back of a sealed envelope — and mail it to #429 *Easyriders*, Fox Hunt, P.O. Box 3000,

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For this issue you may begin sending in your votes, either by mail or online at **www.easyriders.com** (then click on Fox Hunt), February 3, 2009. The voting deadline for this month's crop of cuties is March 1, 2009. We'll announce the winner in the July 2009 issue.



Come on back next month and be knocked in the head by the bigass breastesses of your November winner, Sarah!

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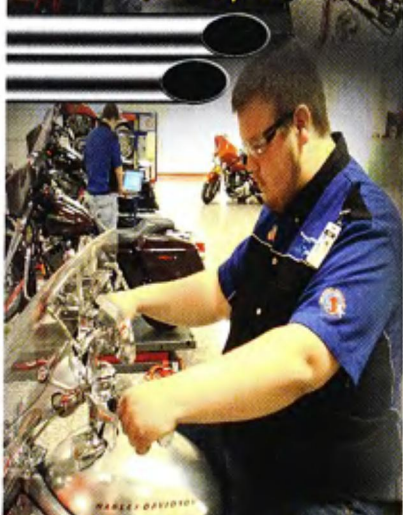
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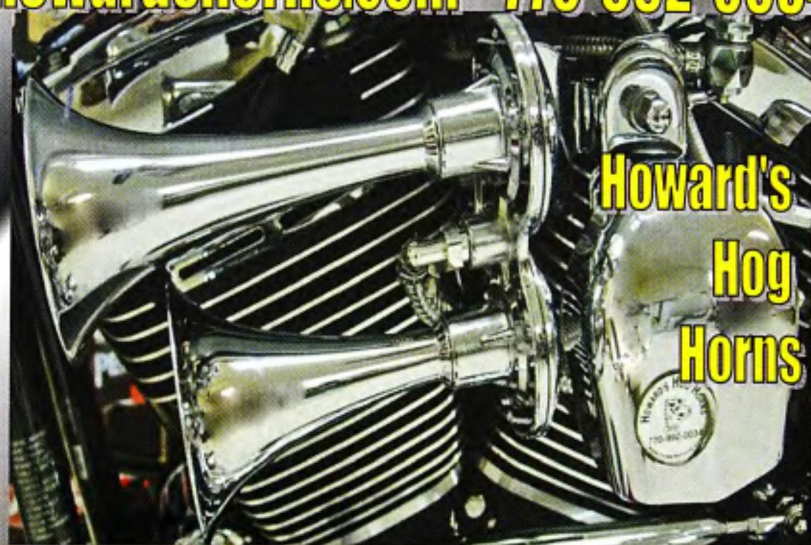
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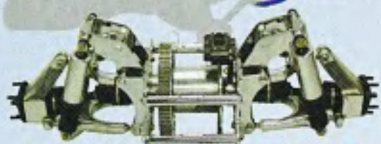


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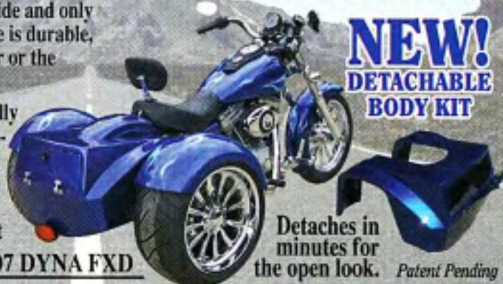
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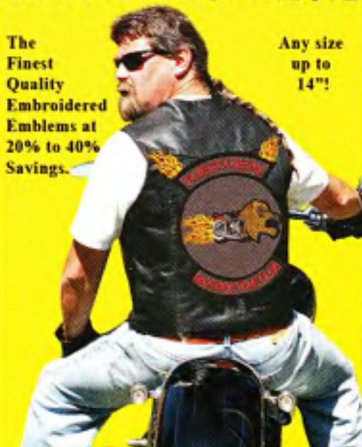
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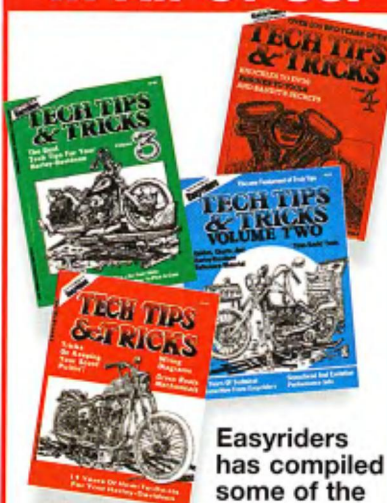
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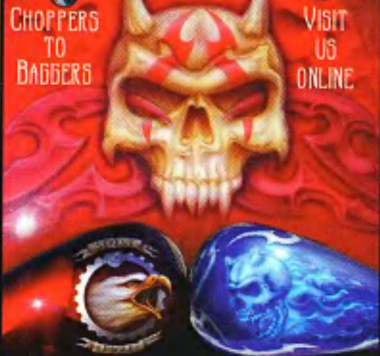
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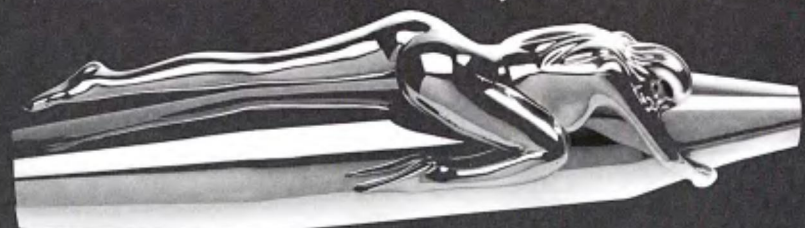
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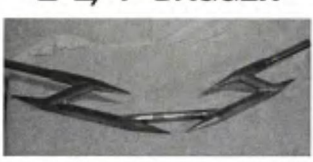
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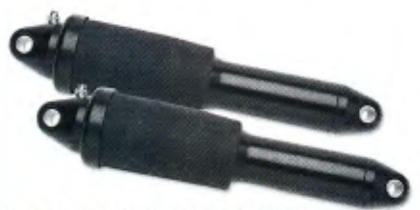
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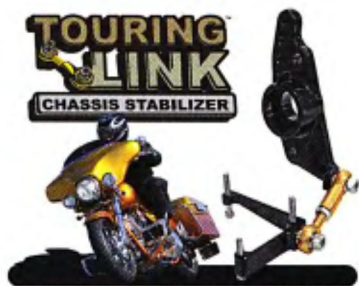
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Take A Shot

Mas ToKillaYa

It would take at least three years of tripping down the Baja to build a rolling ode to "Cactus Juice" as authentic as this. At least that's what Scott Hultquist thought, since he made countless trips to Cantinas all over Mexico collecting ideas and artifacts. When

Scott would walk into a bar and see a bottle with a shot or two left, he would always buy the hooch in hopes of talking the barkeep out of the bottle.





Scott began building bikes under the name Riff Raff Customs over 15 years ago, and the sacred nectar of the Aztecs has gotten him through a lot of late nights and busted knuckles. Todos Santos is a tiny old Mexican town in Baja country where surfers could hole up. Pointing out an empty ancient apple juice jar with a handle, Scott said, "This was some really old rotgut I picked up down there." He went on to say, "Riding into Todos Santos is a lot like landing in the middle of a Quentin Tarantino movie and stepping

out of a space ship. There are chickens walking across the dirt streets and people look at you like you're some kind of alien. It's very surreal." Scott named this project, "Mas To Kill Ya" since it was built to be parked in front of a Cantina. Close friends say Scott's machine can find its way to a bottle of Mezcal faster than a *Caballero* with a GPS.

It seemed as if everyone was saving Tequila bottles for him—and there was no way he could keep a shot count. Still, 28 of the best labels actually made their

way onto the bike. Scott told us this is due in a large part to the magic of a guy named Reza Gohary. Reza made a lot of magic for the Mas To Kill Ya project. Check out the shot glass complete with worm that does double duty by also catching overflow from the carb! Scott arranged the labels in this artistic presentation and Reza applied the clear Gel Coat, like you might find on a fiberglass boat. After wet sanding, the labels were masked and a black base coat was applied. Scott pin-striped it, and clear coated everything.



Owner: Scott Hultquist
 City: Danville, California
 Fabrication: Scott Hultquist
 Model: 2007 Riff Raff Custom
 Time: 28 bottles of Tequila
 Chroming: West Coast Chrome
ENGINE
 Year/model: 2007 S&S
 Rebuilder: Greg Chess
 Displacement: 88 cubic inches
 Cam: Woods W8

Carb: S&S/DaVinci
 Pipes: Hacker/Riff Raff
TRANSMISSION
 Year/make: 1999 Harley-Davidson
PAINT
 Molding: Marty Seagraves
 Painter: Scott Hultquist
 Type/color: PPG/black
 Gelcoat: Reza Gohary
 Graphics: Scott Hultquist
FRAME

Year/make: 2007 Rolling Thunder/Riff Raff
 Type: hidden-shock
 Rake: 50 degrees
 Stretch: 6 inches out, 6 inches up
 Shocks: Progressive
 Modifications: Riff Raff Customs
ACCESSORIES

Bars: Whiskey Bars by Choppers Inc.
 Handlebar controls: Performance Machine
 Fenders: Riff Raff Customs
 Headlight: Headwinds
 Taillight: Bare Knuckle Choppers
 Pegs: Convicted/Riff Raff
 Foot controls: Stampede
 Electrics: Scott Hultquist
 Gas tank: West Coast Choppers/
 Riff Raff Customs
 Oil tank: New York City Choppers
 Primary: Primo/Rivera Engineering
 Seat: Burlap by Billy Mancebo
 Mirrors: none
 Grips: CCI

FRONT END
 Type: telescopic
 Extension: 6 inches over
 Triple trees: raked 7 degrees
 Builder: Riff Raff Customs

WHEELS
 Hub: Black Bike
 Size: 21-inch front, 18-inch rear
 Tires: Metzeler
 Brakes: Performance Machine front, Tolle rear
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www.riffraffcustoms.com



Here's the best secret we've heard in a while. Everyone knows most bike shows prohibit outside food and beverages. To Scott, this means he'll be drinking only beer, but as you can tell, he is a Tequila guy. So, here he was with a freshly sealed tank that had never held a single drop of gas. Hmmm. He filled the tank with margaritas, invited the lovely Andrea, this month's Fox Hunt winner, over and filled her glass until he talked her into posing just as you see here. It happened just like that folks!

—El Queso

ReadersRides

John Hunt Centre, Alabama 2008 Chopper

John spends half his time in the oil fields of sub-Saharan Africa and the other half in his bike shop in Alabama, so we lucked out when we actually reached him to find out more about this bike. "Yeah, you were lucky," he says, "I'm leaving Monday for Africa again."

Suddenly I felt the need to make this quick and short; ya don't want to keep a man from doing his job, but as it turned out, John was just fixin' himself a hamburger for a surely well-deserved dinner. "Well, I built this bike because I wanted something badass," he says, "and because I love motorcycles and because I ride a Harley-Davidson."

Say no more there, John. But he did anyway. "I take this bike to all the shows around this area and I've already got a ton of trophies with it."

This might deserve a closer look at the bike in question. It's got a rigid Ultra frame that holds a 96-cubic-inch S&S motor joined to a set of Samson pipes on the fore and a Road Max 6-speed trans-



mission aft. The front end is a 4-inch-over Springer, the sole fender is from West Coast Choppers, and the cool leather seat is from Rick's Cycle, while the gas tank and taillights are from Midwest USA with a few delicacies from Bikers Choice thrown in for good measure. Larry Morrison handled the nifty paintjob.

John and his wife, Pam, also own Biker

Shack 411 (bikershack411.net), a biker accessories shop that provides quality biker accessories at competitive prices for the discerning Southern biker. If you visit their Web site, you'll not only see the happy couple in action, you'll also get an idea of where and when to catch up with at least one of them. The other might be busy digging for oil in faraway places.

—Tripper



Brian Kundraic
Baltimore, Maryland
1975 FLH

Every once in a while, we put bikes built by professionals on these pages just to liven it up a little and to give you readers an idea of what builders around the country are building. Brian is such a professional, having owned and operated Kundraic Kustoms since 1994. In other words, Brian means business.

This can be recognized by the fact that the bike before you has a very professional look about it. That is to say, it's very clean, built to specifications and geared towards commercial success. The low-slung, bobber appearance does much to emphasize the departure from billet barges and long-assed choppers so popular in past eras.

Cradling a '75 shovelhead motor with 74 stock cubic inches and a mostly stock Harley drivetrain, the stock frame has been left untouched save for a paintjob. The same can be said of the front end, with the exception of the shortened sliders (made by KKM), or the lowered swingarm.



Photos: Owner

But there are one-offs, like the wheels, the handlebars and risers, the oil tank, or the exhaust pipes. Other items were modified, like the Sportster gas tank, which is supported by KKM-made Superior tank mounts. "The oval oil tank with its finned sides is a KKM exclusive piece ad is made specifically for swingarm

frames," says Brian. "We also moved the shock mounts and shortened the fork tubes and lower legs by 3 inches."

Ah, yes, a professional build done professionally by professionals. For more information about this and other KKM builds, visit www.kundraickstoms.com.

—Tripper

Charley & Charley Breese
Monmouth Junction,
New Jersey
2006 BBC Venom Chopper

Here we're juxtaposing the professional build with something a father and son team did. It is the culmination of a long relationship that got started when one of them was still in diapers. I would imagine it can be difficult at times—like when parts that should easily fit together don't, for example—for one person to not think of the other in his diapers and wishing he'd still be in them and had to change them himself.

But that's neither here nor there, is it? As junior tells the story: "Me and my dad built this bike 2 years ago. We did everything, with the exception of the paint. Everything is either chromed or polished."

Take a look at that custom "stars" paintjob. The stars are 24-karat gold and silver leaf with bursts of different colors. Groovy, right?

The whole shebang centers around a 107-inch S&S motor in a single-down-tube frame, with a 10-inch over front end, a 3-inch BDL open drive, a Baker



Photos: Owner

6-speed transmission, a 250 rear tire, and a set of PM wheels. Charley junior makes no bones about what he and his father had originally set out to do. "Our goals were to build a head-turning, show-winning bike that would be featured in a magazine."

Well now, that's a mouthful, ain't it? So how did it go? Charley junior explains. "This bike is clean, fast, and a real head turner. This bike is definitely

magazine-worthy."

Okay, but what's the bottom line here? "This came from a true father and son team with an insane looking end product," is how Charley junior sums it all up, "so we have accomplished all of our goals, with the exception of being in a magazine."

Well, Charley and Charley...mission accomplished.

—Tripper



A Staffer's Everyday Ride

BLACK SUNSHINE

True death/400 horsepower of maximum performance/piercing the night.../...Finally, nothing moves/High noon blacktop/Rollin' below the asphalt drive/Scraping the edge of nothing/This is Black Sunshine. —Rob Zombie "Black Sunshine"

Okay, this bike doesn't have 400 horses in it, but you're going to have to ride really fast to catch me to find out what it does have in it. Harley first introduced their Road Glide back in 1980 and labeled it a Tour Glide. That name sucked; I think that Road Glide is a much better name for this and am glad they kept it. After getting my first test ride on a Road Glide in 1999, I have been obsessed with them and have found the RG to be the best bike for what I do every day...ride it like I stole it.

The RG has everything you want in a bike. It's light enough to get through the mountains in true sport fashion and carries the luxuries of a Harley







Touring model, with hard bags, cruise control, a stereo—all that good stuff. Even so, with all that “good stuff,” I (as well as many other people) still feel the need for more.

I purchased this bike right off the San Diego Harley-Davidson showroom floor with 10 miles on the odometer. I rode it around, doing the typical break-in stuff for about a month and then, it was stripped clean for a fresh start. The objective of this tear down was to showcase what could be done to one of Harley's RG models with Harley parts... and a few add-ons. I chose SDH-D for their outstanding reputation with doing motor work...as this was going to be very important.

I went to Paul Yaffe's Bagger Nation for some of the bigger items. The cool thing about Bagger Nation is that the work gets done and back to you, ready for paint, in three to four weeks. I sent Paul my tank, seat and rear fender.

The Bagger Nation crew stretched the tank, nickel-plated it and installed a Bagger Nation Low Profile dash and pop-up gas cap (\$1,799). The next step was shaving and reupholstering the seat (\$475). You can get a seat from Paul, but I love the RG seat. Bagger Nation shaved the rear fender (\$250), boxed everything up, included a new set of Bagger Nation Wedgy lights (\$450) and a Stealth license plate frame (\$70) and sent it all back to SDH-D for reassembly. It was there in four weeks, and I had sent this out a week prior to Sturgis.

Next, came as many Harley parts as were needed. Why Harley? For starters, I know they'll fit. Second, when it comes to the motor and how I ride, I wanted a full warranty. We started with a Screamin' Eagle 110, race tuner kit, new floorboards, powdercoated lower legs and tins, detachable Tour Pak with LEDs, Detonator 3-spoked wheels and matching rotors, grips, mirrors and upgraded XM stereo

and amp. I also installed a set of 12-inch apes, a set of Vance & Hines Big Shots duals and coated, braided steel cables.

Once the sheet metal was returned and mocked up, it was off to paint. The paint was done by Uptown Cycle. While Uptown was laying down the flames, I asked them about detailing the motor. They said it could be done, but wouldn't guarantee that it would hold several years from now. Evidently, several “years” meant less than 1,000 miles. Because a piston jet had failed on reassembly, causing some motor damage during the second break-in run (oh, the blessings of having a full warranty), I needed to tear the motor back apart. This allowed me to contact Olympic Powdercoating in Escondido and have the motor detailed properly. They returned a great-looking red motor that really sets all the chrome off.

Besides upgrading the stereo system, I had the SDH-D crew install an antenna inside the fairing, eliminating the goofy

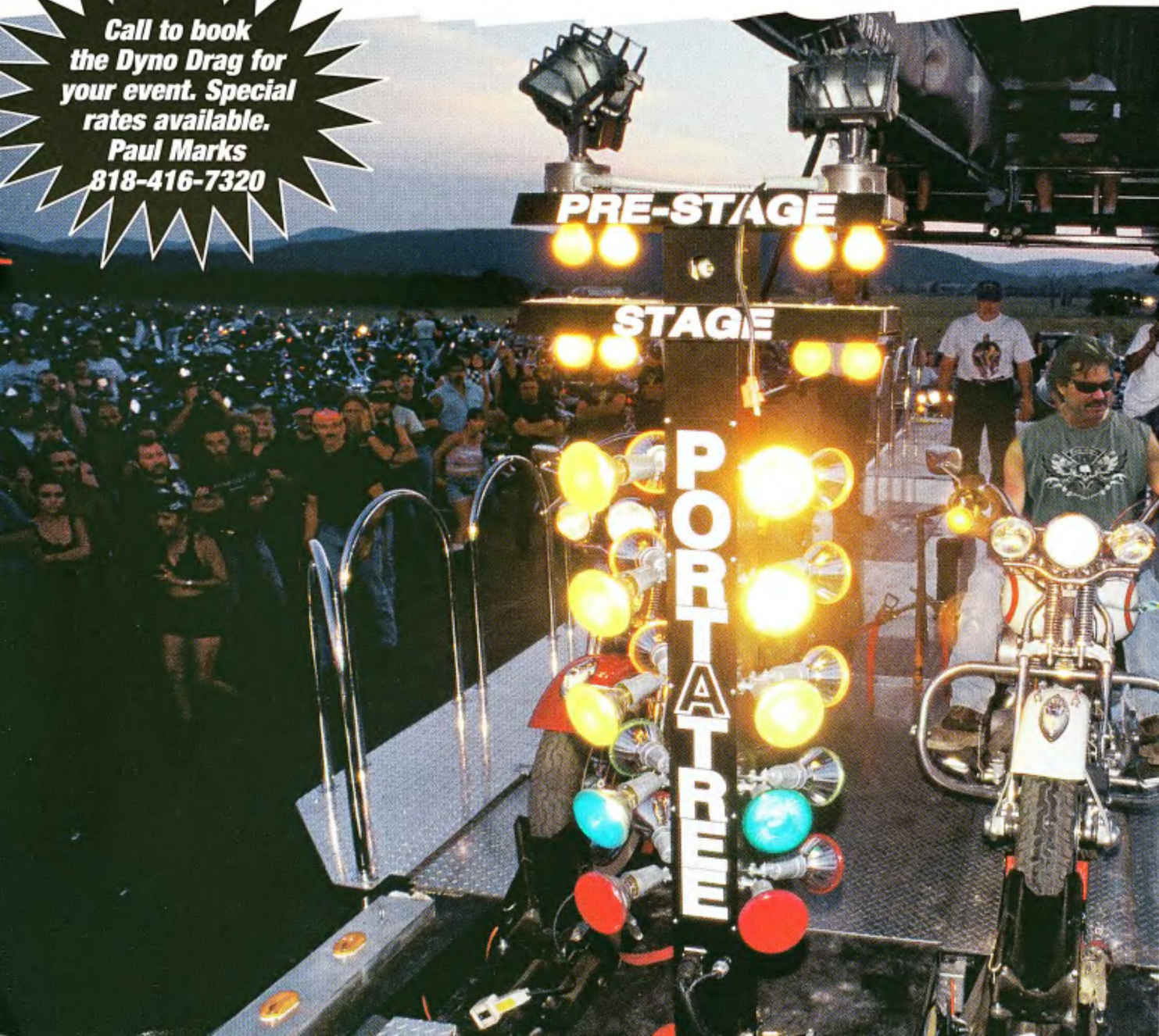
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floppy thing from the rear of the bike. While inside the fairing, they also rigged Harley's amp to sit ever so snugly inside the fairing and routed a cool wiring set up for the Tour Pack when it's installed. Super clean!

What I have now is going to last me for quite some time. Although fairly stock in parts, the Bagger Nation additions really make the difference in having this RG stand out from, say, Harley's CVO RG. I ride the dogshit outta this bike every day. It's fast as hell and, with those Big Shots true duals, has a real hot rod sound as I fly down the highway. There is enough room in the bags for work shit and, for the long hauls, a detailed, detachable Tour Pak to store the extra BS.

Check out the parts list for a full pricing on all the parts and get your ass in the garage and start customizing your bike!

—Oil Can

Owner: Scott McCool

City: SoCal

Year/make: 2007 Harley-Davidson

Model: Road Glide

ENGINE

Year/model: 2007/Harley-Davidson

Rebuilder: San Diego Harley-Davidson

Displacement: 110 cubic inches

(P/N 29844-07; \$2,459.95)

Cam: it's a secret

Carb: EFI

Pipes: Vance & Hines Big Shots

TRANSMISSION

Year/make: 2007/

Harley-Davidson

PAINT

Painter: Uptown Cycle

Type/color: PPG/

black and red

Powdercoat: Olympic

Powdercoating

FRAME

Year/make: 2007/Harley-Davidson

Type: swingarm

ACCESSORIES

Bars: 12-inch apes

Handlebar controls: Harley-Davidson

Fenders: shaved by

Bagger Nation

Taillight: Bagger Nation/

H-D Street Glide LED

(P/N 68358-07; \$89.95)

Floorboards: H-D Streamliner kit

(P/N 50631-04; \$174.95)

Electrics: San Diego

Harley-Davidson

Gas tank: H-D/Bagger Nation

Seat: H-D/Bagger Nation

Grips: H-D Aileron

(P/N 56425-02; \$69.95)

FRONT END

Type: Wide Glide

Extension: stock

Builder: Harley-Davidson

WHEELS

Type: H-D 3-spoke

Detonator

(P/N 44552-03; \$999.95 ea)

Size: 16-inch

Tires: H-D Dunlops

Brakes: H-D

Photos: Rick Husted

Contact: San Diego Harley-Davidson

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Comin' At Ya

The April issue of *Easyriders* (No. 430) is packed with wild custom scooters by the likes of Big Sky Motorcycles, Pete Rumschlag, Chuck Zettner, Rick Fairless, Dino Petrocelli, Trevelen and our Every Day Rider is a sleek Road Glide by High Country Harley-Davidson.



Join us for coverage of our Easyriders/V-Twin Pomona Bike Show to check out the latest custom trends, take a look at Michael Lichter's *Stay Gold* custom bike exhibit and tribute to Johnny Chop and get a Survival Guide to this year's Laconia Rally.

We'll show off the latest Harley-Davidson Motorclothes for Spring, bring you a tech tip on batteries for your bike and offer up a great Guide to Tools and Lubricants to get you down the road.

All this plus a chance to win a new 2009 Harley is headed your way in the awesome April issue of *Easyriders*.

On sale March 3rd.



The February issue of *V-Twin* (No. 94) will take you to Biketoberfest and the Boggy Creek Run in Daytona Beach. Check out custom kulture painter Sara Ray, go Behind the Scenes at Balance

Masters and meet Featured Builder Kirk Taylor. You'll get great Aftermarket Guides to Sheet Metal and Frames. All this plus eight cool custom bike features is coming your way in the February *V-Twin*.

On sale now!

The April issue of *Biker* (No. 261) brings you stunning Samantha on Boosted Brad's 124-inch rigid! And, we're bringing ya a bunch of Spring parties from all over the country!

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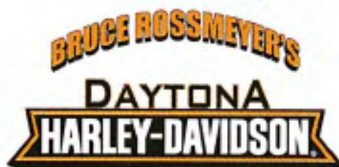


The March issue of *In The Wind* (No. 136) features Laconia, Harley's 105th, Sturgis and Kacie's Ride For Hope to help end domestic violence. We hit Wino Joe's Final Fool-Around and get a glimpse of our New York vixen, Venus, aboard a Shane Gatto-built shovel.

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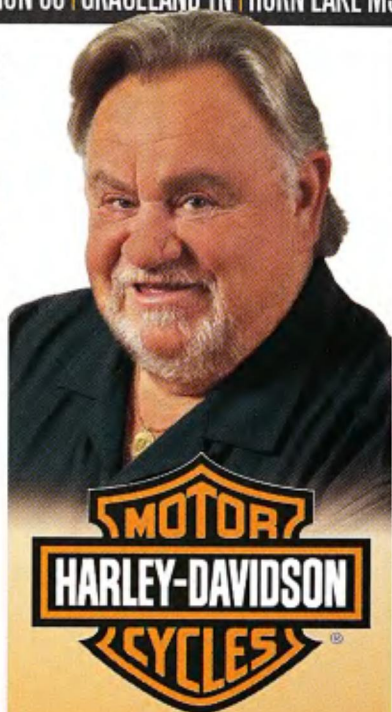


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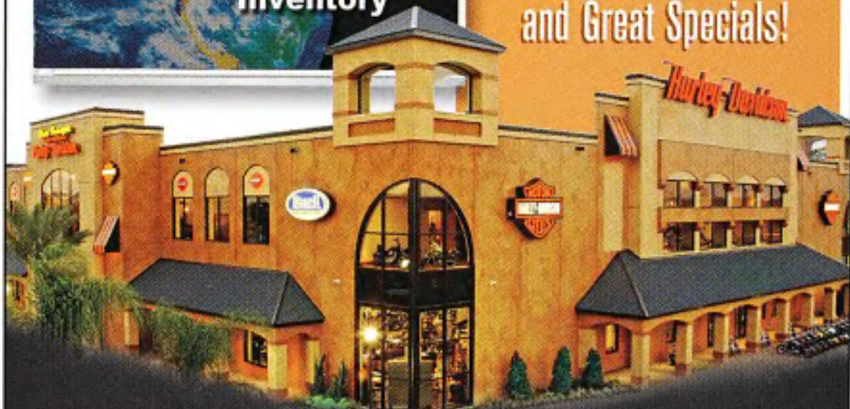
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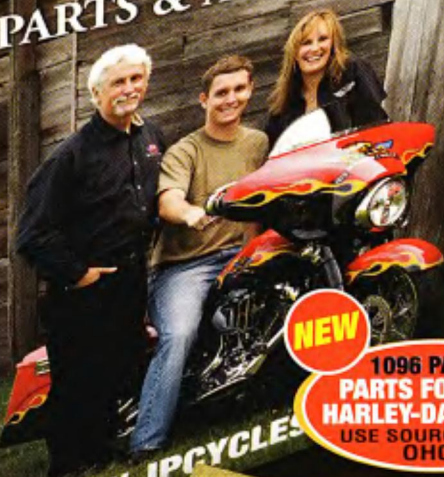
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