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## LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Well friends, here we go, full board into another exciting riding season throughout the Mid-Atlantic. Spring is definitely here & we're all ready to ride. Since we've had such a mild winter, most of you have been riding quite a bit over the past few months & have your bikes "road ready". But for those of you who are just now rolling your baby out from under the covers of the garage, be sure to give her a good going over (tighten nuts & bolts, check tires & oil etc..) before cutting loose out there. We've got some great info in our Tech Tips this month on getting your bike ready to ride so be sure to check it out. One of the worst things that can happen when you're all psyched up for that 1st REAL ride of the spring is to hear clanking noises coming from the engine and/or parts falling off your bike....it's happened to us all at one time or another & it's surely no fun at all.

As spring makes its entrance with warmer days, new buds on the trees & the grass becoming beautiful shades of green, it's an amazing time of year to catch a ride as often as you can. The fresh clean scents of a new season outdoors (even in the city) are calling your name so try to enjoy every minute you can with that wind in your face.

As always, our calendar grows more & more each month, filling with so many great events to choose from. Gather up your sweetheart, your riding friends or even just yourself to enjoy some of the best times that you'll ever have. There's a lot of really great folks out there who are looking to make some new friends for the road, so don't be shy. Some of the best of friendships started with a brief conversation while waiting at a stop light...you just never know.

Despite all the accidents that have happened, with more & more bikes out on the roads, we're hoping that motorists in cars & trucks are more aware now than ever before that we (bikers) are here to stay & there's more of us to come...so be careful! Stay safe out there & watch out for the crazy people! May you all have lots of Peace, Love & much Happiness always. See you next month!

*Kelly*



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## MARCH 2008

**Feb 29<sup>th</sup> – Mar 9<sup>th</sup> Daytona Bike Week** – Daytona Beach, FL

**Mar 9<sup>th</sup> Daylight Savings Time Ends** – Spring forward! Don't forget to set your clocks ahead 1 hour

**Mar 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> Bikes & Ink – A Permanent Impression!** – Richmond, VA Presented by Cycle Promotions USA. 2 Days of bikes, Vendors & great entertainment. Super Builders Craig Whitford, Brad Ruel. Compete for Ms. Cyclepro USA. Bike Show. People's Choice Tattoo contest. Tattoo artist on site. Music by the Dennis Peters Band. Vendor supported Fashion Shows. Saturday 3/15, 11am – 9pm & Sunday 3/16, 10am – 5pm. Admission \$15 Adult, Kids under 16 FREE with paying adult. Held at The Showplace, 3000 Mechanicsville Tpke, Richmond, VA 23223. For more info call (386) 252-3101 or visit [www.cycleprousa.com](http://www.cycleprousa.com)

**Mar 15<sup>th</sup> Second Annual St. Patrick's Day Throwdown Ride In Party** – Richmond, VA @ Absolut Cycle Worx, 5016 Old Midlothian Turnpike, Richmond Va 23224, across from Chesterfield Auto Parts. 804-497-7000 - \$10.00 Bucks suggested donation. Food- Beverages- 50/50 raffle- BURN OUT CONTEST- MUSIC "Wear your GREEN" 2:00-8:00

**Mar 16<sup>th</sup> Ride For Lyndsey** – Virginia Beach, VA Start & registration at Clutch Bar & Grill, 1485 General Booth Blvd., Va Beach, (behind Hooters), 757-491-2229, 8:30am – 11am. Ride leave at 11:15 sharp. \$10 donation per bike or car. All are welcome. Party & fundraiser at 12 noon at Knuckleheads Roadhouse, 401 N Witchduck Rd, Va Beach, 757-644-6200. Featuring Bike Show, Music by the Blue Lords, Live Auction, 50/50 raffle, Food specials, event t-shirts, plenty of free parking. All proceeds go directly to Lyndsey.

**Mar 17<sup>th</sup> HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY!** Don't forget to wear something green when you rollout.

**Mar 22<sup>nd</sup> Bike Fest** – Richmond, VA Bubba's Restaurant on Williamsburg Road will be hosting a Bike Fest on March 22, 2008 (rain date, March 29th), starting at 11:30 AM - until ! Bikers from all over have been invited to attend. Admission is \$5. This includes a band and some of the best food you will ever eat. They do all the cooking on site. They are expecting a big crowd, so get there early.

**Mar 23<sup>rd</sup> HAPPY EASTER!**

**Mar 29<sup>th</sup> Blessing of the Bikers** – Woodbridge, VA A great start to a blessed riding season on the last Saturday of March. Join us at Veteran's Park in Woodbridge Va. Coffee & Donuts at 10:00, Service at 10:45, Lunch at Featherstone Square at 12:00. Donations, collected by the Renegade Girls, will go to Children's Charity. For more information contact Renegade Classics Motorcycle Clothing & Accessories Outlet Store: 14575 Jefferson Davis Hwy, Featherstone Square, Woodbridge, VA; 703-499-9533; [www.nova.RCOSva.com](http://www.nova.RCOSva.com)

**Mar 29<sup>th</sup> 3rd Annual Car & Bike Show by Quinton Volunteer Fire & EMS CO.2** – Quinton, VA Time 8am-5pm with Rain Date April 12. Where: New Kent Airport 6901 Terminal Rd in Quinton, Virginia. Pre-Registered before March 18, 2008, \$15.00 and Day of Show \$20.00. Top 25 in all Classes Cars 1900-1960 1961-Present. Bikes Top 25 Best in Show to all three Classes. Judging Done By You, The Car Owners. Set up starts 8am with all cars ready to be judged by 12pm. Judging from 12pm-2:00. Awards Start at 4:pm. Vendor Space \$25.00. Concession: Breakfast By New Kent HS Band Boosters: Eggs, Bacon, Sausage, Pan Cakes & Coffee. Lunch By Quinton Fire & EMS Ladies Aux. - NO ALCOHOL ALLOWED - 50/50 Drawing, DJ 8-5pm, Poker Run 2:00-3:00pm. New Kent Sheriff Department Child Safety Seat Check 10-2pm. Vehicle Extrication Demo 3:00-4:00pm and New Kent Fire Smoke Trailer 9:00am-3:00pm. Come lean how to get out of a smoke filled building. Direction: From The East or West Take 64 to the 205 exit coming east go left at the light from the west go right at the light. Follow New Kent Hwy. To (Rt 612)

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Airport Rd turn right. Go to the end of Airport Rd turn left at stop sign, follow sign to the Airport. More info call Bill McCauley at cell# 337-1574, home 804-932-8199 or e-mail [vtchokie04@aol.com](mailto:vtchokie04@aol.com). Quinton Vol. Fire & EMS Co.2, P.O BOX 172, Quinton, Va 23141

**Mar 29<sup>th</sup> 8th Annual Chili Cook-Off** – Staunton, VA Sponsored by the Shenandoah Valley HOG Chapter at Shenandoah Valley Harley Davidson/Buell 213 Rolling Thunder Lane, Staunton, VA. Homemade chili and homemade bread will be served from 11am to 1pm. \$5 gets you a bowl and spoon for All You Can Eat Chili & Bread, along with a vote for the People's Choice Award. Drinks will be available at \$1 each. Judging will be from 10 am -11am with awards being presented at 1pm for Judge's 1st & 2nd place, People's Choice, Hot Tamale, and Best Bread categories. For more information, contact Jackie Duff, LOH Director at (540) 447-4040 or email at [ironhorsemaiden@yahoo.com](mailto:ironhorsemaiden@yahoo.com). Also during the Chili Cook-Off, The Shenandoah Valley Hog Chapter will sponsor an Observation Run of approximately 30 miles. The cost is \$5 per bike. This is an independent ride with observations being made and recorded. Winners will be determined by the most correct answers. Ties will be broken by drawings. Prizes will be awarded. For more information , contact 'Smokey' Joe Quick, Road Captain at (540) 421-9995 or email at [vahb49@yahoo.com](mailto:vahb49@yahoo.com).

## APRIL 2008

**Apr 6<sup>th</sup> Biker Sunday 5** – Clinton, SC With special guest speaker Russ Clear (former Hells Angel and current PowerForce member) [www.hnjacobsnextgenerationpowerforce.com](http://www.hnjacobsnextgenerationpowerforce.com). Location -First Baptist Church, 301 South Broad Street, Clinton, SC 29325. 8:00am breakfast, coffee, fellowship and registration followed by a 10:00am Biker Service with Russ Clear, BBQ lunch, door prizes and The Bub Lollis Whitten Center Spring Run at 2:00pm (for those that want to participate) KSU at 1:30pm leaving the church for Copeland Plaza for parade through Whitten Center. For those participating in the Bub Lollis Whitten Center Run following the service, please bring things like Ivory Soap, Adult Diapers, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Feminine Napkins, Baby Shampoo, Unscented lotions, etc. Monetary donations are always welcome too! Hotel accommodations are available in Clinton, SC. This event is free and is primarily but not exclusively for bikers. Everyone is welcome. For more information, directions or a flyer, please contact Chris or Mandy Snow at 864-923-3165 or [snowandnsnow@backroads.net](mailto:snowandnsnow@backroads.net)

**Apr 12<sup>th</sup> You can't beat the I.R.S. Parking Lot Event** - Woodbridge, VA Tired of putting numbers into little boxes, join us for the only anti-TaxMan party around. Bike Show (register by 12:00), skills contests; Food & DJ. Bring your completed taxes and the Renegade Girls will stamp and mail it for you!! For more information contact Renegade Classics Motorcycle Clothing & Accessories Outlet Store: 14575 Jefferson Davis Hwy, Featherstone Square, Woodbridge, VA; 703-499-9533; [www.nova.RCOSva.com](http://www.nova.RCOSva.com)

**Apr 12<sup>th</sup> Center for Children BIKR Ride** – LaPlata, MD Come out and help abused and neglected kids by participating in the 3rd Annual Center for Children BIKR (Bikers Involved in Kids Recovery) Ride. Registration starts at 10, ride begins at 11. Poker Run format with 6 stops and ending at Hooters of Waldorf. Cost is \$25 for single rider, \$40 for two on a bike. Includes t-shirt for each participant and food at Hooters. Winner guaranteed \$400 payout. 6100 Radio Station Road, La Plata, MD, 20646. Call Ann Seely at 301-609-9887, for more information. [seely@center-for-children.org](mailto:seely@center-for-children.org)

**Apr 13<sup>th</sup> 3rd Annual Capernaum Motorcycle Scavenger Hunt and Family Picnic**-Virginia Beach, VA Sunday April 13<sup>th</sup> check in 10:00 to 11:30. Bubbas restaurant at the corner of Princess Anne and Dam Neck Rd, VB. Family picnic starts at 1:00 all scavengers back by 1:30. \$10.00 pr. bike \$500 pr. rider. Picnic \$5.00. Proceeds will help fund summer camp for kids with disabilities. Food, Music, Games, 50/50 raffle, Trophies, Door prizes. Young Life Capernaum is a nonprofit Christian out reach ministry for kids with disabilities. [www.myspace.com/hamptonroadscapernaum](http://www.myspace.com/hamptonroadscapernaum) & [www.capernaum-hamptonroads.younglife.org](http://www.capernaum-hamptonroads.younglife.org)

**Apr 19<sup>th</sup> 25<sup>th</sup> Annual New Rock 102.1 the X Chili Cook Off** – Richmond, VA To benefit the Make A Wish Foundation. Richmond Raceway Complex. The Ultimate One day Event! 11am – 7pm. Rain or Shine. Your business & products can be seen by over 20,000 people in one day.

**April 19<sup>th</sup> Habitat For Humanity Ride Virginia Poker Run** – Luray, VA Sponsored by Outlanders, Luray, VA to benefit the Page County Habitat for Humanity seeking to help people in need of affordable decent housing. Scenic 75 mile route thru Shenandoah Valley. [www.outlanders.ws](http://www.outlanders.ws)

**Apr 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> Hogs4hokies.org spirit ride** - Fairfax VA Help commemorate the 1st anniversary of the April 16, 2007 tragedy at VA Tech. Join our Hogs4Hokies.org spirit ride from NOVA to Blacksburg to raise \$ for the 32 victims scholarship funds. Start in Fairfax, VA and end in Blacksburg with several stops along the way. Please email with your intentions to ride so we can keep you informed of further details. Check our webpage at [hogs4hokies.org](http://hogs4hokies.org) Frank Salzano [franksalzano@cox.net](mailto:franksalzano@cox.net). 703-999-7880

**Apr 19<sup>th</sup> Habitat for Humanity benefit Poker Run** – Winchester, VA Sponsored by Winchester VA Harley Davidson [www.hdwinchester.com](http://www.hdwinchester.com)

**Apr 19<sup>th</sup> “Ride For The Red”** – Petersburg, VA Hosted by Southside Chapter of the American Red Cross. Memorial Ride will start at 11:00am registration begins at 9:00am. Ride begins and ends at Petersburg Sport Complex in Petersburg, Va. (Rain or Shine). \$20/Rider \$15/Passenger - Registration includes lunch and Event T-shirt Bike Show hosted by Red Knights Chapter 8. Register on site, day of event. Raffle and Door prizes available for sale. All proceeds benefit the American Red Cross-Southside Area Chapter which provides services to disaster victims and their families in the Southside Area. Contact Rosalyn Andrews at 1-800-455-9283 for information or mail registration to American Red Cross- Southside Area Chapter 3267 A South Crater Road, Petersburg Va. 23805

**Apr 19<sup>th</sup> RAZOR-TEC USA GRAND OPENING**- Chesapeake, VA 9:00am-7:00pm Invites you to experience “The World’s Most Advanced Spray-On-Chrome & Custom Paints” and enjoy live demonstrations, Finished Product Displays, Airbrush Art Work Display, Door Prizes, Food & Drinks, Music and much more! Razor-Tec USA, 1222 Executive Blvd Chesapeake, VA 23322 Contact Colin Cardosi 757-410-3446 [info@razor-tecusa.com](mailto:info@razor-tecusa.com)

**Apr 20<sup>th</sup> Dirt Drags @ Slades Park** – Surry, VA For info call Joe Bookman (804) 221-3959 or Donnie Cooper (804) 796-3836. Rain date April 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Apr 20<sup>th</sup> East Coast Virginia HOG Chapter Spring Poker Run** – Dumfries, VA East Coast Virginia Chapter invites all bikes to participate in our Spring Poker Run on Sunday, April 20, 2008. Proceeds to benefit the Boys & Girls Club of Dumfries, VA. Registration begins at 10:00am at East Coast Harley-Davidson located at 17975 Main St., on Rt. 1 in Dumfries, (703) 221-3757. Last bike out at noon. Each poker hand is \$10. Prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place hands plus the worst hand. Rain date would be April 27th.

**Apr 24<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> Outer Banks Bike Week™ “Cruzin the Outer Banks” NC** Live Music on 3 stages, over 100 Vendors (free admission), 3 Bikini Contests, Bike Show & Bike Games, Scavenger Hunt, Poker Run, Hog Chapter Challenge (Win Lunch on the Beach!), Special Tattoo Art Show & Contest, Rally Puzzle Pin, Chowder Cook- Off, Special Party Hosts Every Night, & Special Guests-TBA. Come for the fun...come for the fantastic riding! Over 100 miles of scenic beaches, lighthouses, ferries, pirate lore, fishing, Wright Brothers Memorial. Benefits: The Corolla Wild Horse Fund & MDA (Muscular Dystrophy Association) [www.outerbanksbikeweek.com](http://www.outerbanksbikeweek.com) 757 397-5550 or [marketing@harleybay.com](mailto:marketing@harleybay.com) for more information (including vendors & sponsors)

**Apr 25<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Outer Banks Bike Rally** – Grandy, NC Proceeds go to our Wounded Warriors and their Families. Location Dennis Anderson’s “Digger Dungeon” and Barry’s Walnut Island, located in Grandy, NC. LIVE! JB Walker Cheap Wiskey Band. 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Pirates Biker Ball. Camping, Vendors, Live Music, Trophies & Prizes on all Events, Bike Show – Sportster, Dyna, Softail, Dresser, Metric, Chopper, Metric, Radical, Bike Rodeo; Burn Out 1<sup>st</sup> Prize \$500; Poker Run 1<sup>st</sup> Prize \$500. BIKINI RIDE CONTEST, POKER RUN, WEENIE BITE, KEG ROLL, WAITRESS CARRY, PLUNGER & GO, SLOW RIDE, BALLOON TOSS, BURN OUT. [WWW.OUTERBANKSBIKERALLY.COM](http://WWW.OUTERBANKSBIKERALLY.COM)

**April 25<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> Thunder In The Smoky’s Spring Rally** - Maggie Valley NC [www.handlebarcorral.com](http://www.handlebarcorral.com)

# EVENTs

**April 25<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> Premier Bike & Car Event** - Salisbury, NC To benefit CUD Foundation [www.rallyattheriver.com](http://www.rallyattheriver.com)

**April 25<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> Cherokee Survivors Motorcycle Rally & Concert** – Cherokee, NC [www.cherokeeerally.com](http://www.cherokeeerally.com)

**Apr 26<sup>th</sup> 4th Annual CPL. Jonathan W. Bowling USMC Memorial Bike Ride & Bike Show** - Stuart, VA Jonathan Bowling was a Corporal in the USMC who paid the ultimate price fighting for freedom in Iraq. He was also a fellow Firefighter with the Fairystone Vol. Fire Dept. and a Police Officer for the City Of Martinsville, as well as a fellow bike rider. Please show your support by remembering Jonathan in this ride. Ride sched Apr 26<sup>th</sup>, Rain date April 27th,2008. Location: Patrick County High School, Stuart Va. Bike Show Registration Starts 10:00am. Cost \$10.00 to Display Bike. Ride registration starts 10:00am. Cost Per Bike \$10.00 - Vehicles \$10.00. Ride Begins at 1:00pm. Proceeds will go to the CPL. Jonathan W. Bowling Memorial Scholarship Fund. Contributions can be made to the CPL. Jonathan W. Bowling Memorial Scholarship Fund, c/o Patrick County Education Foundation, PO Box 497, 105 Stonewall Court, Stuart Va. 24171. We will be stopping by the gravesite for a moment of silence. There will be a Trophy given to farthest traveled bike (Not trailered bike). Red Knights MC Chapter 11, Patrick Springs,Va. For more information contact following: Miranda Nelson (276)629-6188, Corky Hall (276)673-1827, Tim Dodson (276)629-1201, Kim Bowling (336)978-2796

**Apr 26<sup>th</sup> Cruisin Virginia Beach Auto & Motorcycle Supershow** - Virginia Beach, VA [www.beacheventsfun.com](http://www.beacheventsfun.com)

**Apr 27<sup>th</sup> Cruisin For a Cure** - Virginia Beach, VA Registration starts at 9AM. \$10 for Rider and \$5 for passenger. Fastlane Motorcycle Accessories, 166 S. Rosemont Road, Virginia Beach, VA. 23454, 757-340-4446. First Bike out at 9:30. Last Bike out at 11:00. Sponsored by the Southern Cruisers Riding Club. Contact David White, 757-575-8508, [dwhite28@cox.net](mailto:dwhite28@cox.net).

## MAY 2008

**May 1-31 NATIONAL MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS MONTH**

**May 1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> Thunder Beach Rally**, Panama City, FL [www.thunderbeachproductions.com](http://www.thunderbeachproductions.com)

**May 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> 11th Annual Virginia Beach Bike Classic** – Virginina Beach, VA [www.vabeachbikeclassic.com](http://www.vabeachbikeclassic.com)

**May 3<sup>rd</sup> ROC Bikefest** - Richmond, VA [www.richmondoutreachcenter.com](http://www.richmondoutreachcenter.com)

**May 5<sup>th</sup> Cinco De Mayo**

**May 9<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> Myrtle Beach Bike Week** – Myrtle Beach, SC

**May 11<sup>th</sup> Happy Mother's Day** to all the ladies – Mom's are the best!

**May 17<sup>th</sup> Armed Forces Day** – Support Our Troops!

**May 17<sup>th</sup> Classic Car Ministry's 4th Annual Car, Truck and Bike Show** – Richmond, VA On the grounds of Faith Landmarks Ministries 8491 Chamberlayne Rd. Richmond, VA. Gates open @ 7:30 a.m. Judging begins @ 12:00 noon. We are inviting all food vendors, craftsmen, artists, and businesses to purchase event space. Registration is \$15 per vehicle and vendor space is \$20 for 1 space or \$30 for 2 spaces. 100% of the proceeds will be used to further the outreach programs of Faith Landmarks Ministries. Bring your family and friends out for a wonderful time. For more info contact Eddie Hinton @ 804-550-3203 or [flmcars@yahoo.com](mailto:flmcars@yahoo.com)

**May 17th 8th Annual Car and Motorcycle Show** – Goochland, VA At Goochland Fairgrounds 2728 Fairgrounds Road Goochland, VA 23063. Sponsored by 614 Hunt Club. Open to all makes and models. Time 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Registration \$20.00 Many classes. 1st, 2nd, 3rd place trophies in each class. Dash Plaque and goodie bags to first 100 entries. Awards 3:00 p.m.. Vendor space available. Music and food available. Astro Jump for kids. For information and registration contact Charles Shelton 804-512-5477 or Email [L296M26@aol.com](mailto:L296M26@aol.com)

**May 18<sup>th</sup> Spring Children's Burn Camp Charity Ride** – Harrisonburg Leaving from Applebee's Harrisonburg Va

**May 18<sup>th</sup> Dirt Drags @ Slades Park** – Surry, VA For info call Joe Bookman (804) 221-3959 or Donnie Cooper (804) 796-3836. Rain date May 25th.

**May 24<sup>th</sup> Suffolk Raceway Reunion** – Suffolk, VA Pre-79 vehicles in show except for drag cars and bikes. Controlled burnouts, rap off, flame throwers, drive-in movies, slow drags and more. Info [www.suffolkracewayreunion.com](http://www.suffolkracewayreunion.com)

**May 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> Rolling Thunder XXI Official Reunion Spot** - Ft Washington, MD Harley-Davidson of Washington will be holding the “Official Reunion Spot” for Rolling Thunder XXI again this year! Come out to the dealership on Saturday, May 24th for free food, vendors, entertainment, t-shirts on sale, the Rolling Thunders Officials and a great time to catch up with old friends from 10 am to 4 pm. Come back on Sunday, May 25th to join us for free coffee and doughnuts at 8 am. The escorted police ride will be leaving around 9 am en route to the Pentagonagon Parking Lot. Contact Tammy McClanahan, 301-274-5080, [marketg@hdwash.com](mailto:marketg@hdwash.com). [www.hdwash.com](http://www.hdwash.com). 9407 Livingston Rd., Ft Washington, MD 20744. Promoter HDW, Ltd. Marketing Department

**May 25<sup>th</sup> Rolling Thunder XXI** – Washington, DC

**May 26<sup>th</sup> Memorial Day** – A day to remember the men & women who gave their lives to serve. We salute you!

**May 29<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> Chesapeake Bay Police Rodeo & Skills Competition** - Portsmouth, VA Benefits the March of Dimes. Donations accepted. Open To The Public. Police Motorcycle Officers from the Mid-Atlantic States will compete in precision riding events. Practice Days: May 29th & 30th, 2008. Competition Day: May 31st at 8:00 AM. From I-264 take Greenwood Drive north bound. Turn left at traffic light and follow signs at Greenwood Dr. & Garwood Avenue. Signs posted will lead you into the CBPR Training Site

**May 31<sup>st</sup> 3rd Annual "Diva's Only" Bike Show.**- Chesapeake, VA Okay Ladies, its time to knock the dust off those gorgeous bikes and get them ready for the 3rd Annual "Diva's Only" Bike Show...and what a show its gonna be! Special guests this year are Donnie Smith, Hank Young and Brian Klock. Guest judges are Dawn Williams and Laura Klock. Show will be held at the Chesapeake Conference Center in Chesapeake, VA. Bike classes include Customs, Sportster, Foreign Sport Bike, Foreign Cruiser, Chopper, Trike and Stock Harley-Davidson. For more information about the show or are interested in sponsorship, please call us at 757-428-3482 or Jodie Woodward at 757-222-2355. [www.divacustoms.com](http://www.divacustoms.com)

**May 31<sup>st</sup> Mike Stull's 6th Annual GOOD SAMARITAN POKER RUN & “KEEP IT REAL” MEMORIAL RIDE 3** – Covington, VA In memory of Tammy Teichelman of Covington and Ernie “MAD DOG” Armentrout of Potts Creek. Proceeds go to Kenny Southern of Bennettown Rd. Covington, VA. Hosted by Kountry Korers Store, 5409 Potts Creek Rd., Covington, VA, (540)747-4001. Registration starts at 11am. All bikes out at 12. Door prizes given 30 min. after bikes return. Bike lift to be given away. Cash prizes for best & Worst hands. Everyone welcome. All bikes and autos welcome. Overnite Social/Camp Out after ride. Tents, vehicles, campers welcome. NO COLORS. BYOB

**May 31<sup>st</sup> C&C Cycle 15th Annual Open House**- Severn, MD [www.candccycle.com](http://www.candccycle.com)

## JUNE 2008

**Jun 2<sup>nd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> Americade 2008 & Motorcycle Tradeshow** - Lake George, NY World's Largest Touring Rally [www.tourexpo.com](http://www.tourexpo.com)

**Jun 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Bladze of Thunder Motorcycle Event** – Pearisburg, VA Pearisburg Fire Department is hosting our 5th annual Blaze of Thunder Motorcycle Event. There will be two big days of Bikes, Food, Vendors, Contests, Biker Rodeo, a Poker Run, Motorcycle raffle, Bands and much more. Things will get started on Friday June 6th at 12:00pm, Vendors can setup at 9:00am. The day will end at 11:00pm after the bands finish. Saturday June 7th things get started with Breakfast at 9:00am and get bigger an better from there. The Poker Run will start at 12:00pm on Saturday. The Event will end with bands at 11:00pm. The event will be located at 1410 Wenonah Ave. Pearisburg, Va. 24134, at The Pearisburg Community Center. Event admission armband \$3.00 / Poker Hand \$10.00. 1410 Wenonah Ave., Pearisburg, VA 24134. Contact Richard Stump, 540-599-3951, [stumps5@suddenlink.net](mailto:stumps5@suddenlink.net), 540-626-7213, [bladzeofthundermotorcycleevents.com](mailto:bladzeofthundermotorcycleevents.com)

**Jun 7<sup>th</sup> Boogie Woogie Bugle Annual Party** – Luray, VA Sponsored by Outlanders , Luray VA to salute all the soldiers who have served. 12:00 – 5:00PM. See Tribute bikes, USO Performers, The Bikini Dream Team, military vehicles and more. Attendance 10,00+ [www.outlanders](http://www.outlanders).

**Jun 7<sup>th</sup> 2nd Annual “Veterans Challenge” Poker Run/Road Rally** – Virginia Beach, VA Begins & ends at GEICO Motorcycle Service Center in Virginia Beach. Please pre-register at [www.UnitedVeteransAlliance.com](http://www.UnitedVeteransAlliance.com). Motorcycle & Car Show \* Cook-Out \* Various Vendors \* Awards \* Raffle Drawings \* Fun For Everyone \* GEICO Vehicles \* Event Pins & Shirts for first 150 pre-registered. Call Fred Slatter at (757) 235-3733 or [unitedveteransalliance.com](http://unitedveteransalliance.com)

**Jun 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Motorcycle Rally and Car Show** - Chesterfield, VA Show your support for Special Olympics Virginia! Chesterfield County Fairgrounds, 9 a.m. on site registration. Car show- Live Band- Moonwalk- Clowns, Face Painting & Much More! Pre-registration - Mark Pinney at 804-748-1992 or Captain David Hutton -804 751-4419. Ride Starts at 11 a.m. \$25.00 fee includes ride in parade, lunch, rally pin, door prize tickets and entertainment.

**Jun 13<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> 13th Annual South Central Bike Fair** - Chase City, VA 25-Class Bike Show (\$250 Best of Show), Rodeo, \$500 Poker Run, Tattoo Contest, Wet T-shirt Contest, Camping, Live Music, Vendors, Food, & More. Friday- Hotrod/Bike Cruz-It\* Live Music\*\* Vendors\*\* Camping. Saturday- Live Music \*\* Bike Show\*\* Poker Run\*\* Rodeo \*\*Vendors \*\*T-shirt & Tatoo Contests\*\*Burnout Pit\*\*Drawings & Giveaways\*\* B.Y.O.B. [www.southcentralbikefair.com](http://www.southcentralbikefair.com). Contact after 8pm 434.372.5554, 434.210.1771, 434.372.0092. \*This event is to be considered neutral grounds [www.southcentralbikefair.com](http://www.southcentralbikefair.com)

**Jun 14<sup>th</sup> Flag Day** – Fly those colors proudly!

**June 14 4th Annual Rallyin the Valley** - Staunton, VA [www.shenandoahhd.com](http://www.shenandoahhd.com)

**Jun 14<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> Laconia Bike Week** – Laconia, NH

**June 14<sup>th</sup> Waugh HD Big Damn Bike Show** - Orange, VA [www.waughhd.com](http://www.waughhd.com)

**June 14<sup>th</sup> 3rd Annual New Covenant Church Car Show** – Hampton, VA 1079 Big Bethel Rd Hampton, Va. 23666 ( next to Bethel High School). Top 25- Top 10 Themed Cars, Trucks or Bike- Best Car, Bike, Truck and Best in Show. Registration opens at 9:00 - Show 10:00 to 3:00 Dash Plaque and goodie bags to first 100 entries. Contact: Spencer & Betty 757-766-3510 or Email: [spencerandbetty@cox.net](mailto:spencerandbetty@cox.net)

**Jun 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> Carroll County Bike Fest** – Westminster, MD At the Carroll County AG Center in Westminster, MD. Custom, Antique, Stock motorcycles of all makes models and years on display. Adults \$7, children under 12 FREE. Sat, Jun 14<sup>th</sup> 10am - 7pm. Sun, Jun 15<sup>th</sup> 10am – 5pm. For vendor, sponsor or entry information [www.ccbikefest.com](http://www.ccbikefest.com). Maryland's next big bike show!

**Jun 15<sup>th</sup> Father's Day** – Let's Ride Big daddies!

**Jun 17<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> Honda Hoot** – Knoxville, TN

**Jun 19<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> VA State HOG Rally** – Fredericksburg, VA

**Jun 20<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> Mid Atlantic Women's Motorcycle Rally** - Gettysburg, PA [www.mawmr.org](http://www.mawmr.org)

**Jun 20<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> 9th Annual Smoke Out** - Farmington NC Dragway [www.smokeoutrally.com](http://www.smokeoutrally.com)

**Jun 22<sup>nd</sup> Dirt Drags @ Slades Park** – Surry, VA For info call Joe Bookman (804) 221-3959 or Donnie Cooper (804) 796-3836. Rain date June 29th.

**Jun 22<sup>nd</sup> Bike Night at the Ballfield: Prince William County Stadium; Ride-in Bike show** Sign-up starts at 3:30, Judging at 4:45, Bike Parade at 5:30. Show Classes: Cruiser, Custom & Sport, and Best of Show also gets first pick. Reduced price First baseline seats (Game starts at 6:05). Meet some minor league players and the Renegade Girls. For more information contact *Renegade Classics Motorcycle Clothing & Accessories Outlet Store: 14575 Jefferson Davis Hwy, Featherstone Square, Woodbridge, VA; 703-499-9533; [www.nova.RCOSva.com](http://www.nova.RCOSva.com)*

**June 22nd 2nd Annual Maryland American Bike Fest**, - Mechanicsville, MD Maryland International Raceway, Mechanicsville, MD [www.mirdrag.com](http://www.mirdrag.com)

**Jun 25<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> North Carolina State HOG Rally** – Salisbury, NC

**Jun 26<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> Thunder in the Valley** – Johnstown, PA

**June 27<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> 3rd Annual Iron Titans Rally** - Tazewell, VA ATV Rodeo. Ms. Iron Titans Pageant. Bike Show. Bike Games. Poker Run. Vendors. Food & Beverage. Tattoo Artists, Tent & R.V. Camping. Gates open Friday at 4:00p. m(6/27)\$10.00 a person,\$15.00 all weekend. Live Band and Much More...All Welcome. Proceeds go to The Shriner's Hospital for Children. Tazewell Co. Fair Grounds, 24630. Contact Biker Bill, 276-988-6438, [sales@williamstump.com](mailto:sales@williamstump.com) or Jodi Matas, 276-202-6607, [dannyd46@roadrunner.com](mailto:dannyd46@roadrunner.com). [www.irontitans.com](http://www.irontitans.com)

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# EVENTS

**June 28<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> Virginia Bike Fest** – Petersburg, VA  
www.virginiamotorsportspk.com

**JULY 2008**

**July 4<sup>th</sup> Independence Day** – Happy 232<sup>nd</sup> Birthday America!

**July 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> 3rd Annual Shenandoah Valley Trike In** - Harrisonburg, VA  
Rockingham County Fair Grounds www.vabtw.org

**July 12<sup>th</sup> St Jude's Poker Run** – Hampton, VA Poker run to benefit St Jude's Children's Hospital, 427 Durham St 23669. Ends with a party at Damon's in Gloucester. Details will be added when they become available.  
Contact Carl, 757-851-8016, carigm@verizon.net

**July 16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> West Virginia State HOG Rally** – Canaan Valley, WV

**July 16<sup>th</sup> Ride To Work Day** – Every City in the U.S.

**July 16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> Snow Shoe Freedom Fest** - Snow Shoe, WV  
www.snowshoefreedomfest.com

**July 19<sup>th</sup> Adult Beach Party: Bikini Bike Wash, Bikini Contest**  
– Woodbridge, VA (prizes: \$300, \$150, \$75) @ 2pm, Wet-T Contest (prizes: \$400, \$200, \$100) @ 3:30, skills contests; Live Band, Food. No one leaves without a smile on their face – Meeting the Renegade Girls ensures that. For more information contact *Renegade Classics Motorcycle Clothing & Accessories Outlet Store: 14575 Jefferson Davis Hwy, Featherstone Square, Woodbridge, VA; 703-499-9533; www.nova.RCOSva.com*

**July 20<sup>th</sup> Dirt Drags @ Slades Park** – Surry, VA For info call Joe Bookman (804) 221-3959 or Donnie Cooper (804) 796-3836. Rain date July 27th.

**July 24<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Wild and Wonderful MountainFest Motorcycle Rally** - Morgantown, WV [www.wvmountainfest.com](http://www.wvmountainfest.com)

**July 25<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> Carlisle Bike Fest** – Carlisle, PA

**July 26<sup>th</sup> 2nd Annual Back To School Bash Car, Truck & Bike Show**  
– Hampton, VA Saturday, July 26th, from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. at the West Hampton Baptist Church in Hampton, VA. Rain Date is Saturday, August 9th. Awards will be given to the top 2 in each of the 16 classes, as well as 9 additional "special" awards. There will be food, live music, a space walk for the kids, and dash plaques and "goody bags" for the first 50 registered entrants. More information Web Site: [www.hr-mopar.info](http://www.hr-mopar.info) or Email: [r\\_craig\\_ham@yahoo.com](mailto:r_craig_ham@yahoo.com)

**July 31<sup>st</sup> – Aug 2<sup>nd</sup> DE/MD State HOG Rally** – Hunt Valley, MD

**AUGUST 2008**

**Aug 2<sup>nd</sup> 2nd Annual back to school car, p/u truck and bike show**  
– Hampton, VA Sponsored by the Charles City Hot Rod Association to donate supplies to the needy school children in the surrounding areas. Place of show the Great Big Flea Market 3302 Williamsburg Road, Richmond Va. 23231. Registration begins at 8:00am to 11:00am. Judging begins at 12:00. Awards and trophies given in all classes, all makes and models are welcome. Classes for old school cars. Registration fee is \$15.00 in advance and \$20.00 at the day of show. Music and food. Space rental for vendors are welcome (T-shirts, caps etc.) For more information contact George 804-305-3397, Tiny 804-737-6071, Art 804-437-1495 and Sonny cell 804-301-2039, home 804-829-2976, email [poplewis@uno.com](mailto:poplewis@uno.com)

**Aug 4<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> Sturgis Bike Rally** – Sturgis, SD

**Aug 6<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> EAST COAST STURGIS MC RALLY 5<sup>th</sup>** - Little Orleans MD This is the event that's taking the country by storm! All the reasons are right. Mountains, Open Country, Good People, Clean Air and the Freedom of the road! Let the Party Begin. For years Motorcyclist have been having to travel half way across the Country to Rally with new folks and hook up with old friends. Now meet em' on Apple Mountain at the EAST COAST STURGIS MOTORCYCLE RALLY ! Contact: Ken Appel (301) 478-3421. [applmountain@wildblue.net](http://applmountain@wildblue.net). [www.eastcoaststurgis.com](http://www.eastcoaststurgis.com)

**Aug 10<sup>th</sup> Dirt Drags @ Slades Park** – Surry, VA For info call Joe Bookman (804) 221-3959 or Donnie Cooper (804) 796-3836. Rain date Aug 17th.

**Aug 10<sup>th</sup> Mid-Atlantic Bike and Car Show** - Waldorf MD Bring your custom American/Import6 Bike, Car, Truck, Muscle Car & Hotrod to our 56th Annual show in Southern, Maryland. Lot's of hot food, cool drinks, 5

star entertainment and the hottest customs in the Region. Each year we find more and more superstars that compete for one of 75 trophies. As always to event is free to the public. Rain Date is August 17<sup>th</sup>. Sponsored by Dirty Dealer & Sheehy Nissan Mitsubishi. 240-299-5147 or 301-843-5300. [www.fireupthundrout.com](http://www.fireupthundrout.com). [ddealerent@aol.com](mailto:ddealerent@aol.com)

**Aug 13<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> The Virginia Rally** – Danville, VA Riding Curvy, Hilly, Scenic Roads \* AMA SUPERBIKE Motorcycle Racing \* Meeting Other Riders - THAT'S WHAT THE VIRGINIA RALLY IS ALL ABOUT!!![www.thevirginiarally.com](http://www.thevirginiarally.com)

**Aug 14<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> 8th Annual America's 9/11 Ride** [www.americas911ride.org](http://www.americas911ride.org)

**Aug 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> 2nd Annual Boozefighters Poker Run & Bike Show** - Suffolk, VA To benefit the Genieve Shelter for Battered Women. Randzz Pub, Highway 58, Suffolk, VA. LIVE MUSIC, Great Food, approximately 20 Vendors, TOP SHELf Door Prizes, and a SEXY POLE DANCE CONTEST with a \$250 First Prize CASH payout! There will be much more to follow so watch the calendar for the details.

**Aug 17<sup>th</sup> Rally for RAACE 3rd Annual** – Bel Air, MD The Rally for RAACE is a police escorted charity motorcycle ride, benefiting The RAACE Foundation. By participating in the Rally for RAACE, you are helping The RAACE Foundation create awareness about the devastating issues of child sexual abuse. Only when the problem of child sexual abuse is faced openly can we hope to protect our children. Doug Keim & Creative Cycles joins the Rally for RAACE as official spokesperson to help in the fight to prevent child sexual abuse. Start: Jones Junction - Bel Air, Maryland 9:00 a.m. registration 12:00 p.m. start Music & Entertainment by "Sir Psycho" Food, Drinks, vendors End: Chesapeake Harley-Davidson - Darlington, MD 2:00 p.m. Post Party Music & Entertainment by "Surreal" Food, Drinks, vendors Fees: \$30 pp includes commemorative t-shirt & pin. (children 12 & under are free) The Route: The Harford County Sheriff's Office has completed the route for our ride. They will also be escorting us. It is a 43-mile ride which will take motorcyclists on a beautifully scenic tour through Harford County. Sponsored by The RAACE Foundation. Contact is Vickie Brooks. Phone: 410-893-1001, Fax: 410-893-1002. [vickie.brooks@raace.org](mailto:vickie.brooks@raace.org). [www.raace.org](http://www.raace.org)

**Aug 29<sup>th</sup> – Sept 1<sup>st</sup> Million Motorcyclist Motorcade** - La Plata MD 50 acres of Vendors, bands, games, camping onsite (no hookups), non-stop entertainment over the entire Labor Day Weekend, at the Charles County Fairgrounds. Sunday morning MLK police escorted parade to downtown DC. Everyone is invited and tax deductible donations accepted at the gate for the MLK Memorial. Sponsored by M5 Project. Contact: Dirty Dealer. 301-893-2900. [ddealerent@mlkm5project.com](mailto:ddealerent@mlkm5project.com)

**Aug 29<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> Heroes Forever Veterans Ride** – Portsmouth, VA Heroes forever veterans roundup ride 2nd annual \$\$\$\$ in door prizes guest speakers, bikini contest bike show, food, vendors call for vendor spaces available, live music, blowout sales, 757-967-8268. Sponsor: Route17. Contact: Loredana Henderson/ Michael Barnett. [Route17va@aol.com](mailto:Route17va@aol.com).

**Aug 30<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Labor Day Bash-Dirt Drags @ Slades Park** – Surry, VA **Dirt Drags @ Slades Park** – Surry, VA Sat & Sun., Aug 30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> - Saturday: 4 Wheelers only. Sunday: 2 Wheelers only. Double Loss-Double Purse All weekend! For info call Joe Bookman (804) 221-3959 or Donnie Cooper (804) 796-3836.

**SEPTEMBER 2008**

**Sept 1<sup>st</sup> Labor Day**

**Sept 5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> Thunder In The Smokey's Fall Rally** - Maggie Valley NC  
[www.handlebarcorral.com](http://www.handlebarcorral.com)

**Sept 7<sup>th</sup> Rattle the Runway Ride** – Dulles Airport Washington, DC  
[www.rattlethe runwayride.com](http://www.rattlethe runwayride.com)

**Sept 11<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> DelMarVa Bike Week** – Ocean City, MD

**Sept 14<sup>th</sup> Dirt Drags @ Slades Park** – Surry, VA For info call Joe Bookman (804) 221-3959 or Donnie Cooper (804) 796-3836. Rain date Sept 21st.

**Sept 18<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> 29th Annual Mid Atlantic Police Motorcycle Safety Competition** - Arlington, VA [www.mapmrc.com](http://www.mapmrc.com)

**Sept 19<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> Maggie Valley Fall Rally** - Maggie Valley, NC Sponsored by Carolina Harley Davidson Dealers Association [www.chdda.com](http://www.chdda.com)

**Sept 20<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> S&S Jim McClure Nationals** – Petersburg, VA Motorsports Park [www.ahdra.com](http://www.ahdra.com)

**Sept 21<sup>st</sup> Baltimore/Washington DC Ride for Kids** - to benefit Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation, police escorted [www.pbtfus.org](http://www.pbtfus.org)

**OCTOBER 2008**

**Oct 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Myrtle Beach Fall Rally** – Myrtle Beach, SC

**Oct 4<sup>th</sup> CCG 5th Annual Toy Run** – Elkton, MD Cecil County Guardians 5th annual toy run. Vendors, food, beer, live band, raffles. All proceeds benefit underprivileged children in Cecil County Maryland. Registration to ride will be held at Knights of Columbus at intersection of rte.40 and Landing Lane in Elkton, MD from 9am to 11am on October 4th, 2008. Ride ends at Fair Hill race track. Admission is \$10.00 donation or new toy. Sponsored by Cecil County Guardians Branch Elkton Lions Club. Contact: Bobbi Jo Hunt / Gina Creek. 443-206-8250 / 443-350-5224. [auntbeaday@yahoo.com](mailto:auntbeaday@yahoo.com). [www.myspace.com/cecilcountygardians](http://www.myspace.com/cecilcountygardians)

**Oct 11th Renegade Classics – Woodbridge's Anniversary Party** - Woodbridge, VA Food, DJ, Meet the Renegade Girls, see what's new at the end of Year Two. For more information contact *Renegade Classics Motorcycle Clothing & Accessories Outlet Store: 14575 Jefferson Davis Hwy, Featherstone Square, Woodbridge, VA; 703-499-9533; www.nova.RCOSva.com*

**Oct 16<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> Biketoberfest** – Daytona Beach, FL

**Oct 19<sup>th</sup> Dirt Drags @ Slades Park** – Surry, VA For info call Joe Bookman (804) 221-3959 or Donnie Cooper (804) 796-3836. Rain date Oct 26<sup>th</sup>.

**Oct 26<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> 5th Annual Virginia Fall Classic** – Newport News, VA [www.vafallclassic.org](http://www.vafallclassic.org) benefits CHKD

**NOVEMBER 2008**

**Nov 1<sup>st</sup> Mid-Atlantic Toy Run** – Ft Washington, MD 6th Annual Toy Run for Disadvantaged children and families for St Ann's Infant & Maternity Home. Minimum Donation: \$20 and unwrapped toy or gift certificate of equal value or bicycle, helmet, educational games, backpacks, area rugs, booster seats, pull-ups, diapers (sizes 4,5,6), baby wipes, baby shampoo, lotion/oil, Aveeno products, deodorant, playstation, paint & art supplies, toothpaste, toothbrushes, DVD for toddlers, personal CD's folders and school supplies. Please no used clothing or stuffed animals. Free food, 50/50 raffle, Chubbzy the Clown for the kids. Bring your family. 37 mile parade to deliver items to the kids. Sponsored by Harley Davidson of Washington & Bikers With Heart Foundation. 301-248-1200 or 301-893-2900. [ddealerent@aol.com](mailto:ddealerent@aol.com). [www.fireupthundrout.com](http://www.fireupthundrout.com)

**Nov 2<sup>nd</sup> Daylight Savings Time Ends** – Fall Back! Don't forget to set your clocks back 1 hour.

**Nov 2<sup>nd</sup> Hampton Roads Ladies of Harley/ US Marine Corps Reserve 10th Annual Toys for Tots Ride**-Newport News, Va Come join us for our 10th annual Toys for Tots ride. This is a police escorted ride lead by Santa himself, with approximately 600 motorcycles of all types joining in to bring some happiness to needy children each Christmas. Registration begins at 11am with the first 500 registrants receiving a free ride pin. Registration fee is a new unwrapped toy. We will depart from the Big Kmart on Old Orianna Road at 1pm and the ride will end at Hampton Roads Harley Davidson. The store will be open with specials, food vendors and live music. For information log on to HRHD.com, email [lcooke5@cox.net](mailto:lcooke5@cox.net), [dcox@hrhd.com](mailto:dcox@hrhd.com) or call Hampton Roads Harley Davidson at 757-872-7223.

**Nov 11<sup>th</sup> Veterans Day**

**Nov 23<sup>rd</sup> Pat Rogers Speedway Harley-Davidson 6th Annual Toy Run** – Concord, NC Sponsored by Pat Rogers Speedway Harley-Davidson. Proceeds presented to Cooperative Christian Ministries benefiting The Empty Stocking Fund. Rain or Shine. Door Prizes, Free Food, Raffles, Entertainment, Auction. Staging Kannapolis Intimidators Stadium 10:00 am. (I-85 N. Exit 63, Left on Lane St., 0.4 miles on Right). Leave Stadium 1:00 PM - Police escort thru Cabarrus County to Pat Rogers Speedway Harley-Davidson Dealership. Must bring new, unwrapped toy to participate and be eligible for door prizes. 707-979-RIDE (7433) [www.speedwayharley-davidson.com](http://www.speedwayharley-davidson.com)

**Nov 27<sup>th</sup> Thanksgiving** – Happy Turkey Day!

**DECEMBER 2008**

**Dec 25<sup>th</sup> Christmas** – Are you dreaming of a white one?

## DIRT DRAGS SLADE'S PARK IN SURRY VA 2008 SEASON SCHEDULE

**RACE DATE**  
APRIL 20TH  
MAY 18TH  
JUNE 22ND  
JULY 20TH  
AUG 10TH  
AUG 30TH & 31ST \*  
SEPT 14TH  
OCT 19TH

**RAIN DATE**  
APRIL 27TH  
MAY 25TH  
JUNE 29TH  
JULY 27TH  
AUG 17TH  
SEPT 21ST  
OCT 26TH

**\*1ST ANNUAL LABOR DAY BASH  
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SUN TWO WHEELERS ONLY  
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Full time 4th grade school teacher (seriously), 9 years in the power sports industry having been a technician and service manager for Suzuki, Kawasaki, Polaris, Bombardier and Harley-Davidson. I am the assistant parts mgr. for Turners Honda in Elizabeth City and three years as an MSF instructor. I also build custom motorcycles and do show winning restorations.

## YOU'RE READY TO RIDE IS YOUR BIKE?

Riding season is creeping upon us. Mother Nature had been teasing us with obscenely warm days in February making our urges to get on our machines impossible to ignore. Before we give into our urges, there are a few things that we must address to keep our bikes and ourselves running all season long.



PRESSURE, PRESSURE, PRESSURE...I can't stress it

enough. As a mechanic, I saw endless streams of owners swearing that something catastrophic is wrong with their bikes when it was nothing more than under inflated tires. Sluggish handling and heavy steering are sure fire signs of a low front tire and the feeling of the back of your bike wandering side to side and excessive tire noise usually points towards a low rear tire. This is the easiest problem for a bike owner to remedy on their own, yet so many of us do not do it. Buy a tire gauge and take two minutes before you ride to check...it's that simple, and it might save your life.

Now let's talk about the most neglected parts of our bikes, the red-headed step-child of motorcycle maintenance...our brakes. As a mechanic and a parts manager, far too often have I seen people addressing their brake issues when an easy fix is no longer an option. Most disk brake calipers have an inspection area to look at the pads without removing them. Check the wear bars on the pads, if they're not visible, replace them...it's that simple. Failure to do this will result in a costly rotor replacement (think \$200 to \$300 a piece). If your bike is more than two years old and you don't remember when you last changed the brake fluid in both reservoirs, CHANGE IT!! Moisture will accumulate in your brake system causing diminished brake performance and harmful corrosion in the system, resulting again in expensive repairs (think \$200 plus for a stock caliper housing vs. \$5 for a bottle of brake fluid and little bit of your time). Pay attention to your tires and brakes...what good are tons of power to go without any whoa????

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## 10th Annual Timonium Mid-Atlantic Motorcycle Show Feb 8th - 10th, 2008 Timonium, MD

Once again this year's 6th Annual Timonium Motorcycle Show proved it's worth for the title of "THE BIG ONE". It was another great record-breaking show with attendance of 43,127, plus, many of the vendors said that they had record motorcycle and accessory product sales. There were over 250 show bikes, custom to antique, vendors representing everything from custom parts to a full selection of leather goods, dealerships and selection of brands such as Bobs BMW's to Suzuki and Yamaha's. As always, special guests and builders rounded out the attractions for the 3 day event. In 2007, folks got to meet with world famous craftsman/builder Ron Finch, and for 2008, brought multiple stars of the motorcycle industry with Chica of Chica Custom Cycles, Huntington Beach Ca., Sam Nehme of Broward Motorsports & BMS Choppers Florida. The crowd's favorite guest, host of Speed Channel's "American Thunder" Michele Smith, had a continuous line of folks for autographs and pictures all weekend.

The selection of show bikes and quality was top notch with out of state independent judging for awarding the prize money and a large selection of trophies. Visit CyclePro's web site [www.cycleshow.net](http://www.cycleshow.net) for the complete list of all the winners. After folks toured the isles of chrome and paint and voted for their favorite bike, they could meet and greet with some of the Countries top notch builders from Ca. to Fl. to N.J and places in between. Chica from Huntington Beach, Ca. brought a selection of his Old School bikes built with today's technology. Chica moved to the USA from Japan in 1995 bringing his Harley with him. Being a mechanic in Japan and now having the unrestricted regulations on how he could modify his bike, he went to work on customizing on a new level than his work in Japan. When completed, like any blood, sweat, and gears project, took the bikes to shows where the response was very favorable. This lead to starting a shop, building more bikes, importing some of his customs back to Japan for eagerly waiting buyers and building for US customers. Chica is happily married and proud father of 2 sons and a daughter. He runs his 2 man shop, currently building 6 panhead projects and 1 sportster "old schooler" in his unique styles of chopper, bobber or antique looking.

Sam Nehme brought a sampling of his award winning builds including the multiple 1st place build "Nehme-sis". Sam is owner of Broward Motosports Yamaha, Honda, Suzuki, Kawasaki and watercraft dealership in Davie, Fl., and BMS Choppers for the building and customizing side of the business for anything from wide tire conversions, custom sheet metal or a tricked out paint job.

Probably one of the most respected builders, Doug Keim of Creative Cycle NJ, brought a variety of his heavy iron. Among them were his 1st place winning build done on the Metric Revolution to his perfected American iron builds. Also he brought his Signature Series H-D bikes of mildly customized '08 Harley Davidson's that are now being sold at select dealers with the factory warranties. Creative Cycles has been in business for over 30 years which is an impressive land mark in the motorcycle customizing business. Doug attributes his longevity to a strong ethic of good customer service, keep 'em happy, and of course craftsmanship, quality workmanship, and originality. Doug's shop is thriving in a time when so many are under the impression that the custom m/c market is overstocked or declining and he is considering the possibility of needing a larger building. Liz O'Brien is General Manager for the 4 man shop and keeps the business end of things flowing. Doug Keim is involved with several charity events for St. Jude's Children Network and locally, is the Spokesperson for RAACE, Race Against Abuse of Children Everywhere. The 3rd Rally for RAACE is this August 17th leaving from Bel Air, MD. Doug will be there and is inviting all area riders to come out for a great ride and support an important cause.

This year's top star of the Timonium show, judging from the constant crowd gathered, would have to be Speed Channel's 'American Thunder' Icon Michele Smith. Michele is a very personable person, easy to talk with and knowledgeable on a variety of subjects as well as an extensive motorcycle industry itinerary. She is well known for her modeling and "pin up girl" posters but her hobby of fashion design is slowly materializing into it's own business. With her "No Needles Tattoo" T shirts and a patented "jeweled G's" panties



with removable jewelry that can be worn as a necklace, Michele plans on adding to her fashion line up as time permits.

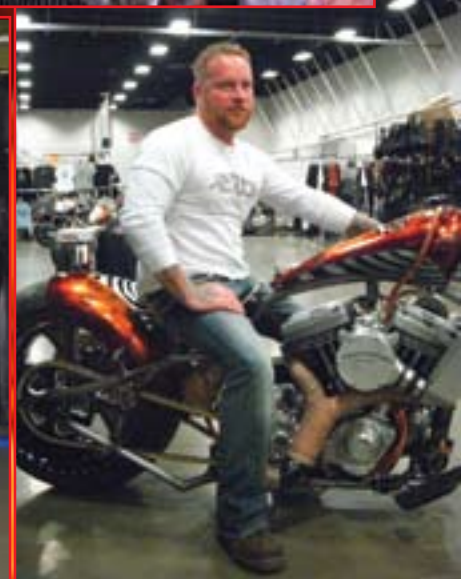
I can only begin to touch on a handful of the Builders, Shops, Vendors, and activities at this 3 day event and strongly encourage you to be sure and attend next year's show at the Timonium Fair Grounds. Plan to make a day of site seeing and shopping. Thanks to Rich Kohles and Larry McCullough for an excellent show.

~ Garth Hinz ~



# Hot Shots

If you've got some "Hot Shot" pictures you'd like to share with us, please send them to [thunderroadskelly@yahoo.com](mailto:thunderroadskelly@yahoo.com). Pictures must be high resolution (300 dpi) in order to print clearly. All are welcome but please keep 'em somewhat clean so everyone can enjoy!







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# Readers RIDES

They call me Wild Rose. I get me name from my bar located in Chester, VA called the Wild Rose Cafe. I am the sole owner and have been open for nearly two years now. Needless to say, it is very biker friendly featuring a Bike Night every Tuesday night starting at 7pm. We even have a bulletin board where the regulars post rides that they are planning using the cafe as a starting and ending point. I have just purchased a 2008 Sporster Low. It is a special edition color called Purple Haze. I have all ready upgraded my pipes before even bringing her home. I love the rumble that she makes now! I can NOT wait to customize it to fit my personality. This is the first bike that I have owned, but I have been on the back of bikes for many years. It will be nice to be able to ride whenever and wherever I want. I have two close girl friends, Robin and Ashley who have their own bikes and we plan to tear the roads up together. I do love to ride in groups and have made many new friends who all share a love for motorcycles. Riding is a great way to clear the head and make you feel totally uninhibited. I have been to several bike weeks and will be going to Myrtle Beaches Rally in May. As a bar owner, I look forward to getting away for some Rest and Relaxation, but mostly for some real riding time. I invite everyone to stop by the Wild Rose Cafe' and as always encourage you to ride safe!

## ROSE



# Readers RIDES

My name is Doug Wallace. I have been riding since I was a child. I live in Chesterfield Virginia. The weather is starting to warm up so I will be riding a lot more real soon. I started riding and working on my bike when I was a child, starting off with dirt bikes. My first road bike was a Honda 350. I now ride a 2006 Big Dog Custom Mastiff that I love! When I not riding, I am working at Phillip Morris as a Machine Operator or maybe playing the guitar or killing that BIG BUCK!! I have a daughter named Kendall. She's a senior in High school and is planning on attending VCU next year. I am leaving shortly for Daytona Bike Week - this will be my 23rd time. The last one started off pretty bad with my girlfriend Kathy falling off the bike when it was stopped. She broke her wrist pretty bad. We spent most of the week in the hospital! Although I did stop next to Arlen Ness at the stop light! This time it's just me and the guys riding down! RIDE SAFE.

Interview & photos by DeAna



## DOUG





# THE HEART BREAKERS BALL



By ~DeAna~  
(photos by DeAna Borza & John Kandris)

I'm sure there were quite a few hearts broken in Richmond at Toad's Place on Valentines Day. This Heartbreaker's Ball was off the hook! The Reverend D-Ray & the Shockers where playing and the ladies were all dancing in there sexy outfits. The Taboo girls were there in little bitty Heartbreaker attire along with Studio X offering lessons on exotic dancing. On the 3rd floor you could have Vamps and Vixen fix you up before going to have your pinup photos taken by Spiderbite Studios and yes I had my done. Let's just hope some LOVE was also found at THE HEARTBREAKERS BALL!!!!



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# APRIL

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		1 Apr April Fool's Day	2	3	4	5
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13	14	15 Tax Day	16	17	18	19
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27	28	29	30	1 May	2	3



# ENJOY THE RIDE!

Tips to help make a happier, healthier you inside. Be all you can be while out on the road this riding season.

- \* Live with the 3 E's - Energy, Enthusiasm, and Empathy.
- \* Don't waste your precious energy & time on gossip, issues of the past, negative thoughts or people you cannot control. Invest your energy into positive surroundings.
- \* Watch more movies, play more games and read more books than you did last year.
- \* Take a 10 to 30 minute walk every day. And while you walk, smile. It is the ultimate anti-depressant.
- \* Spend more time with people over the age of 70 and under the age of 6.
- \* Dream more while you are awake.
- \* Eat more foods that grow on trees and plants and eat less food that is manufactured in plants
- \* Try to make at least three people smile each day.
- \* Clear the clutter from your house, your car, your desk and let new and flowing energy into your life.
- \* Realize that life is a school and you are here to learn. Problems are simply part of the curriculum that appear and fade away like algebra class but the lessons you learn will last a lifetime.
- \* Eat breakfast like a king, lunch like a prince and dinner like a college kid with a maxed out charge card.
- \* Smile and laugh more.
- \* Life isn't fair, but it's still good.
- \* Life is too short to waste time hating anyone.
- \* Don't take yourself so seriously. No one else does.
- \* You don't have to win every argument. Agree to disagree.
- \* Make peace with your past so it won't screw up the present.
- \* Don't compare your life to others'. You have no idea what their journey is all about.
- \* Burn the candles, use the nice china, and don't save it for a special occasion. Today is special.
- \* No one is in charge of your happiness except you.
- \* Frame every so-called disaster with these words: 'In five years, will this matter?'
- \* Forgive everyone for everything.
- \* What other people think of you is none of your business.
- \* Time heals almost everything. Give time, time.
- \* However good or bad a situation is, it will change
- \* Get rid of anything that isn't useful, beautiful or joyful.
- \* Envy is a waste of time. You already have all you need.
- \* The best is yet to come.
- \* No matter how you feel, get up, dress up and show up.
- \* Do the right thing!
- \* Call your family often. Keep in touch with them.
- \* Remember that you are too blessed to be stressed.
- \* Enjoy the ride. Remember that this is not Disney World and you certainly don't want a fast pass.

You only have one ride through life so make the most of it and enjoy!

## The Schitts

For some time many of us have wondered just who is Jack Schitt? We find ourselves at a loss when someone says, 'You don't know Jack Schitt! Well, thanks to a letter sent in by a nearby relative, you can now respond in an intellectual way.

Jack Schitt is the only son of Awe Schitt. Awe Schitt was married to O. Schitt, the fertilizer magnate, and owner of Needeep N. Schitt, Inc. They had one son, Jack. In turn, Jack Schitt married Noe Schitt. The deeply religious couple produced six children: Holie Schitt, Giva Schitt, Fulla Schitt, Bull Schitt, and the twins Deep Schitt and Dip Schitt.

Against her parents' objections, Deep Schitt married Dumb Schitt, a high school dropout. After being married 15 years, Jack and Noe Schitt divorced. Noe Schitt later married Ted Sherlock, and because her kids were living with them, she wanted to keep her previous name. She was then known as Noe Schitt-Sherlock.

Meanwhile, Dip Schitt married Loda Schitt, and they produced a son with a rather nervous disposition who was nick-named Chicken Schitt. Two of the other six children, Fulla Schitt and Giva Schitt, were inseparable throughout childhood and subsequently married the Happens brothers in a dual ceremony. The wedding announcement in the newspaper announced the Schitt-Happens nuptials. The Schitt-Happens children were Dawg, Byrd, and Horse.

Bull Schitt, the prodigal son, left home to tour the world. He recently returned from Italy with his new Italian bride, Pisa Schitt. Now when someone says, 'You don't know Jack Schitt,' you can correct them.

Sincerely,  
Crock O. Schitt

### Hang 'em high!



By: Houndog

Paul Beamish and John Gibson are the builders of this machine for Krazyhorse Customs located in Bury St. Edmunds, UK., although they give credit to everyone in the shop for being in on the build one way or another. It's obvious Paul and John are motivated by the "Old School" let's build a bike you can actually ride mentality. They even do restorations on old bikes. Starting with a 1977 H-D Ironhead, they kept it clean and simple but managed to put together a real head turner.

- Bike Name** – Zeroesque
- Bike Year / Model** – 2005 / 1977 Ironhead
- Engine Make / Size** – Harley-Davidson 1000cc
- Transmission Size / Type** – 4 speed H-D
- Frame Make / Type** – Krazyhorse CCd gooseneck rigid
- Front End** – HD Springer
- Rake** – 45 degree
- Stretch** – lots
- Front Wheel** – 3.5 X 16
- Rear Wheel** – 3.5 X 16
- Front Brakes** – 1940's H-D drum
- Rear Brakes** – H-D Sportster drum
- Paint** – Pageant
- Chrome Plating** – Nickel plate





# News Bytes

## TRANSPORTATION CHIEF CALLS FOR HELMET USE

U.S. Transportation Secretary Mary E. Peters sent legislation to Congress on February 14th seeking to divert funding from rider training and motorcycle awareness funds to promote helmet use. According to the Department of Transportation, the legislation submitted to Congress would allow states to use federal motorcycle safety funding to promote the use of motorcycle helmets. Currently, states are limited to using the funds for motorcycle safety training and awareness programs only. In spite of a Congressional ban on the federal agency lobbying state legislatures in favor of passing helmet laws, Secretary Peters wrote letters to House and Senate leaders "seeking greater flexibility for states to target one of the leading causes of motorcycle deaths across the nation "riding without a helmet." "Secretary of Transportation Mary Peters is requesting an amendment to allow the SAFETEA-LU Section 2010 Grant funds to be used to promote helmet use in a letter sent to President of Senate Dick Cheney and Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi," explained Sputnik, Chairman of the National Coalition of Motorcyclists Legislative Task Force (NCOM-LTF). "This is nothing more than a raid on a fund that was intended for motorcycle awareness and education. Motorcyclists across the nation fought hard for many years to get this grant money and the outlines for its usage were hammered out and agreed upon." Consider writing letters to your Senators and Representatives asking them to do the following: 1. Write Secretary Peters and request she withdraw her proposed amendment. 2. Speak with your legislators against this letter in an attempt to gather votes against this amendment if she does not withdraw it and it becomes a written bill.

## INCREASED GLOBAL DEMAND FOR MOTORCYCLES FORECAST

Global demand for motorcycles is projected to exceed 59 million units in 2011. According to a new study from The Freedonia Group, Inc., a Cleveland-based industry market research firm, the demand for motorcycles is forecast to advance 6.0 percent annually to 59 million units in 2011, representing \$49 billion in manufacturers' sales. "This growth emanates from a mix of developed market incremental improvements and emerging market expansions," quoted the independent report released February 7th. "Demand for all categories of motorcycles is expected to remain healthy, despite the plateauing of growth in key markets such as China, which is rapidly transitioning away from motorcycles and toward cars for its transportation needs." These and other trends, including market share and company profiles, are presented in "World Motorcycles", a market research study conducted by The Freedonia Group, an unbiased international business analyst with Fortune 500 clientele. The most rapid growth will occur in developing markets, where rising income levels and the introduction of higher quality machines featuring the latest technologies

will fuel demand. "This growth will be tempered in part by the increasing number of restrictions or outright bans on motorcycle use in urban areas in Asia," according to their research. "In developed markets, fuel prices and increasing restrictions on car use in some regions such as Western Europe are stoking interest in the exceptional fuel economy and cost effectiveness motorcycles offer. While the market for large and expensive high displacement motorcycles will also remain moderately strong, concerns regarding future demand have emerged due to the aging of the customer base, especially in the United States and Western Europe." Two separate motorcycle markets exist, as broken down in the report. The first centers on the industrialized Triad (the US, Japan and Western Europe), where motorcycles are seen as pleasure vehicles. The other, much larger market in unit terms exists in the emerging economies of Asia, Latin America and the Africa/Mideast region, where motorcycles are seen as primary family and work vehicles. "While Asia is dominant in terms of unit volume, most key players derive far higher revenues per unit from sales in developed markets such as North America," says the study.

**VISION ZERO** An international conference has been convened to investigate methods of eliminating all risk on the roads, and the possibility of eliminating motorcycles as well. Government transport advisors from across the European Union gathered in Brussels for the three-day conference beginning February 12th, called: "Safe Highways of the Future" exploring technologies and changes required to enable zero deaths on Europe's roads to become a reality." Presenters included Swedish transport advisor Claes Tingvall who devised the "Vision Zero" transportation policy. Vision Zero aims to eliminate all deaths on the roads through technology, and Tingvall famously said on TV: "There is no room for motorcycles in Vision Zero." Rune Elvik, a Norwegian transport advisor, recently said a debate was needed on whether motorcycles should be allowed on the roads in order for Vision Zero to progress. Topics of the conference included "Safer Vehicles By Design".

## BRITISH MOTORCYCLE INDUSTRY DEMANDS BETTER TREATMENT FOR BIKERS

United Kingdom motorcycle industry leaders want the British government, legislators, local authorities and transport planners to treat motorcycling as a serious, relevant alternative to cars, buses and trains. David Taylor, chief executive of the UK Motor Cycle Industry Association, made this plain only days after news of an 8.6 percent rise in motorcycle, scooter and moped registrations in 2007 - the biggest jump in seven years. "There are more than 1.2-million powered two-wheelers on UK roads," he told media sources on January 22, 2008. "After several years of flat sales, there are strong indications that people are seeing PTW's as practical, relevant personal transport. They are part

of the solution to traffic congestion and pollution - it's time motorcyclists were properly considered and treated seriously. 'There are more than 1.2-million powered two-wheelers on UK roads'." "All too often car owners, commercial vehicles and public transport take priority while those on two wheels are ignored or an afterthought," Taylor added. "We want equality and the incentives that come with the recognition that PTW's ease traffic and parking congestion, reduce emissions and provide reliable and efficient personal transport." In particular, the MCIA wants: Government transport policies that acknowledge PTW's as a viable alternative to tackle congestion and CO2. Better roads and faster and more efficient road maintenance. An end to an unforgiving road infrastructure clearly designed with not all road users in mind. The promotion of PTW's as a legitimate and relevant congestion-busting means of travel, including their exemption from road pricing, parking and congestion charges, access to bus lanes and secure parking. A lower scale of vehicle excise duty; no motorcycle should be taxed more than the smallest car. The UK government announced a motorcycle strategy in 2005 but little had been done with implementation. PTW's were almost ignored in the government's latest core transport policy paper "Towards a Sustainable Transport Policy". This, Taylor said, was not good enough. "The industry feels, despite warm words from ministers, 'mainstreaming' of motorcycling in transport policy isn't happening. There should be no barriers to the development of motorcycling, better protection for riders and recognition of motorcycling as a legitimate form of transport."

## BIKIES INVITED INTO AUSTRALIAN PARLIAMENT FOR DEBATE

Members of the Gypsy Jokers, Finks and Hells Angels were among guests at Parliament House for a February 8th briefing on new laws being introduced by the State Government to combat outlaw motorcycle clubs, and Democrats MP Sandra Kanck plunged herself into controversy by inviting the "bikies" to participate in the debate. MP Kanck defended the presence of the outlaw motorcycle club members saying people who are affected by legislation should be consulted before it becomes law. The seminar was organized by Ms Kanck to highlight concerns the legislation will unfairly target people who are not involved in criminal acts, such as bikers who belong to the Longriders Christian Motorcycle Club who's homes have been raided by police during anti-bikie efforts. Under the laws, scheduled to be debated soon in the House of Assembly, South Australians who have contact with bikies at least six times a year will face a minimum of five years in jail. The Serious and Organised Crime (Control) Bill 2007 also will enable the Police Commissioner, Mal Hyde, to obtain orders from the Attorney-General, Michael Atkinson, declaring bikie gangs illegal. Anyone involved with the gangs, or who has any contact with them, can then be served with orders re-

stricting their movements based on police intelligence, which must remain secret. Prominent criminal defense lawyer Craig Caldicott told the gathering that the new laws were an attempt "to use a sledgehammer to crack a walnut." "They are basically an overkill," Caldicott said. "It is the only piece of legislation in Australia aimed at a group of people who wear leather jackets."

## COLORS SOUGHT FOR MOTORCYCLE MUSEUM

The Sturgis Motorcycle Museum & Hall of Fame is seeking vests with patches to expand an existing exhibit about motorcycle clubs. "I'm looking to reach out to Motorcycle Clubs who might be willing to have their colors on display," said Christine Paige Diers, Executive Director of the Sturgis Motorcycle Museum & Hall of Fame in South Dakota. "One of the exhibits we've had on display for the last six to eight months is an exhibit about Motorcycle Clubs," explained Diers. "As part of the exhibit, we had a number of vests with patches representing a variety of clubs. Unfortunately, the owner of those patches has reclaimed his collection. We're in the process of trying to rebuild the display and are looking for clubs that might be interested." The idea of this exhibit is to educate the public about the history of motorcycling and present a fair-minded representation of motorcycle clubs in their many forms, she said. "I'd like to rebuild the exhibit with themed sections to display, including women's clubs, family oriented clubs, law enforcement clubs and veterans clubs." Anyone interested in loaning a jacket, vest or patch, or even a photo, to the museum for a time period of one to two years, along with a brief club description or history, should contact her at [christine@sturgismuseum.com](mailto:christine@sturgismuseum.com) or phone 605-347-2001.

## WEIRD NEWS: CRASH ABSORBER INVENTED FOR MOTORCYCLES

A new design of crash absorber can combat the type of accident where motorcyclists run into something and are then killed by the bike pivoting over the front wheel and impacting on the rider. Iranian inventor Mohammad Hassan Shorabi has come up with a construction that absorbs some of the impact energy and transfers the residue of the impact reaction force to the back axle. He has incorporated the idea into a child's bike so it can travel as personal airline baggage. It comprises a strong construction that projects just forward of the front wheel and is able to slide down the main body of the bike as the various parts of it collapse, bend and break. Shorabi has installed it on two different motorcycles, and a friend "without mind" tested it by riding it into a wall and survived the experience.

**QUOTABLE QUOTE:** "One machine can do the work of fifty ordinary men. No machine can do the work of one extraordinary man."

Elbert Hubbard (1856-1915) American writer, artist and philosopher



# K.I.S.S. IN THE KITCHEN

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## THUNDER LUCK OF THE IRISH PHILLY CHEESESTEAK MAC & CHEESE

- 4 Tbls. Extra Virgin Olive Oil, Divided
- 2 Large Onions, Thinly Sliced
- 1 Green Pepper, Sliced in Thin Strips & Chopped
- Salt & Fresh Ground Black Pepper
- 1 Pound Cavatappi-Shaped Pasta
- 2 Tbls. Butter
- 2 Tbls. Flour
- 3 Cups Milk
- 2 Cups Shredded Provolone
- 1 Pound Thinly Sliced Deli Roast Beef, Roughly Chopped
- 1/4 Cup Italian Parsley, Chopped

Place a large pot of salted water over high heat and bring to a full boil. Place large skillet over medium-high heat with 2 turns of the pan of olive oil, apprx. Add the onions to the pan and top them with a lid or piece of aluminum foil for 2-3 minutes, just to get them cooking. Remove the lid or aluminum foil and continue cooking the onions until tender and lightly caramelized, apprx. 8-10 minutes. Season them with salt & freshly ground black pepper, covered with the lid or foil to keep warm. When the onions are almost ready, cook the cavatappi to al dente, remove to a colander to drain, reserving back just about 1/2 cup of the water. Place a pot over medium high heat and melt the butter. Sprinkle the flour over the melted butter and cook the mixture for about 1 minute. Whisk the milk into the butter-flour mixture slowly and bring up to a bubble to thicken. Remove the pot from the heat and whisk in the shredded cheese. Season with salt & pepper and reserved water. Once the pasta has finished cooking, drain it and return it to the pot it was cooked in. Add the cheese sauce & reserved caramelized onions to that pot and toss everything to combine. Right before serving, stir the roast beef into the pot with the cheesy pasta and heat through for about a minute (don't let it get too much longer as it will overcook). Portion the mac & cheese onto your serving dishes, topping each with a sprinkle of parsley. Make up a fresh garden salad and serve with piping hot cheesy garlic bread..... Blimey, that's good!!!

## THUNDER BLARNEY'S SKILLET POTATOES

- 2 Pounds Potatoes, Cut Into 1/2 in. Cubes
- 1 Medium Onion, Finely Chopped
- 1 Medium Sweet Red Pepper, Chopped
- 2 Garlic Cloves, Minced
- 1 tsp. Caribbean jerk seasoning (in any aisle in any super market)
- Salt & Fresh Ground Black Pepper to Taste
- 1/4 Cup Olive Oil

Place potatoes in a large saucepan and cover with water. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat; cover and simmer for 5-10 minutes or until almost tender. Drain. In a large skillet, saute' the onion, red pepper, garlic, jerk seasoning, salt and potatoes in oil until potatoes are golden brown and vegetables are tender. Serve up and sprinkle with shredded jack cheese.

## THUNDER ROADS "POT O' GOLD" COOKIES

- 1 Cup Butter, Softened
- 1/2 Cup Sugar
- 1 Tblsl. Whole Milk
- 1/2 tsp. Vanilla Extract
- 1/8 tsp. Almond Extract
- 2 Cups All-Purpose Flour
- 1/2 Cup Finely Chopped Almonds, Toasted
- Dash of Salt

## POT O' GOLD ICING

- 2 Cups Confectioner's Sugar
- 2 Tbls. Plus 2 tsps. Whole Milk
- 1 Tube of Green Colored Icing

In a large mixing bowl, cream butter & sugar until light & fluffy. Beat in milk & extracts. Combine the flour, almonds and salt; gradually add to creamed mixture & mix well. Shape into a 10-in. roll; wrap in plastic wrap. Refrigerate overnight. Unwrap & cut into 1/4 in. slices. Place 2 in. apart on ungreased baking sheets. Bake at 325 degrees for apprx. 16 mins. or until set. Remove to wire racks to cool. Combine the icing ingredients; decorate cookies as desired. Let stand until set. Use your tube icing to draw big green 4-leaf clovers all over the iced cookies. These are really delicious cookies. Have the kids help out and have some fun!

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## The New Indian: Can the Chief Survive?



Back in the day, iconic personalities like Burt Munro and Steve McQueen fell under the spell of Indian motorcycles. The brand was the stuff of legends, and in its heyday the Indian battled squarely against the other American juggernaut, Harley-Davidson.

After a rocky history and several false starts, a new Indian has once again emerged in the form of a prototype that promises to become a reality this fall. The 2009 Chief is an ambitious venture, and while the photo seen here doesn't look exactly like the final product. The company is taking the bold step of building their own Power Plus engines in-house and accepting \$1,000 deposits on a bike that doesn't have an official release date yet.

While the Indian web site assures readers that "the brand is in good hands." The big question is, can the private equity firm headquartered in the UK, Stellican Limited repeat their success and successfully resuscitate, the 107 year-old motorcycling legend, as they did with Chris-Craft boats and Outboard Motor Corporation.

All nostalgia aside the bigger question is based on new model year sales reports, comparing 2006 sales to that of model year 2007. The reports show, overall sales of new motorcycles in all categories averaged a decrease of 7.2% during the 2007 model year.

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## Views & News from the Dragon & Skyway



Growing up riding in the Adirondack Mountains in upstate NY I learned to love those mountain curves. Earlier this decade my old riding buddy Jim asked me to join him on a trip to Deals Gap along the NC/TN border. Where's that, I asked. 318 mountain curves in 11 miles he said! When do we leave, I'm in! That was it, I was hooked on the Dragon & Cherochala Skyway after that 1st trip in 2002. By 2005 I had relocated from Fort Lauderdale to WNC and started trying to figure out how I could make a living riding my bike. After spending that summer Slaying the Dragon & Surfing the Skyway. I watched as several of my riding pals from Soflo bought vacation homes in the area. Duh, a light went on in my brain bucket. Maybe I could make a living selling vacation homes to bikers. Since then 17 of my riding pals from Florida bought vacation properties in the area. These folks are willing to travel 12 hours from South Florida just to Slay the Dragon, Surf the Skyway and Speed down the Blue Ridge Parkway. There might be something to this idea of mine. My Geezer Glide has since been converted into a floorboard-scrapping, spark-shooting, testosterone fueled rolling office.

Do you riders in the southeast area know how lucky you are? You have the best motorcycling roads in the world right in your back yard? If you haven't been here yet, what are you waiting for? If you have been here, when you coming back? It can be a day ride or come over and spend the weekend. Maybe you will get hooked like my pals and I and buy a place here. Riders from all over the world come here to Slay the Dragon. I have chatted with riders from England, Australia, France, Spain and all over the US and Canada in this area. Several years back I was at the "Rock Store", which is the hot west coast biker spot on the bluffs above the Pacific Coast Highway in Malibu, CA. The guy parked next to me who was from LA asked if I "Slay the Dragon" regularly. He had noticed my Dragon logo on my fender and NC plate. He said he makes an annual trip to WNC just to ride the Dragon.

So starting this month I am going to write about the Dragon & Skyway filling you in on the riding news from this world-class riding destination. I will be coaxing you up here, I will coach you thru the curves and I will cajole you to ride your bike somewhere other than just to bike night.

There are plenty of biker friendly businesses all around the Dragon and Skyway. Reviews and stories of those establishments will follow. Directions, side roads and secret spots will be revealed. I will tell you where the waterfalls and views that will impress Miss Right are hidden. Maybe this will help you get her out for a ride as we like

those curves too! Next month is lesson #1 on Dragon Etiquette.

Till next month, Keep you head & eyes up and twist the throttle!

Mike Ginocchi  
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Why is it that people say they "slept like a baby" when babies wake up like every two hours?

Why are you IN a movie, but you're ON TV?

Why do doctors leave the room while you change? They're going to see you naked anyway.

Why is "bra" singular and "panties" plural?

Why do toasters always have a setting that burns the toast to a horrible crisp, which no decent human being would eat?

If the professor on Gilligan's Island can make a radio out of a coconut, why can't he fix a hole in a boat?

Why does Goofy stand erect while Pluto remains on all fours? They're both dogs!

Did you ever notice that when you blow in a dog's face, he gets mad at you, but when you take him for a car ride, he sticks his head out the window?

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# The Joker's wild



**Two 90-year-old worn out bikers, Spider and Wolf,** had been friends all of their lives and had ridden many miles together. When it was clear that Spider was dying, Wolf would visit him every day. One day Wolf said, "Spider, we both loved riding our bikes all our lives, and we have ridden every where together. Please do me one favor: when you get to where ever you end up, somehow you must let me know if there's motorcycle riding there! Spider looked up at Wolf from his death-bed, "Wolf, you've been my best friend for many years. If it's at all possible, I'll let you know man." Shortly after that, Spider passed on. At midnight a couple of nights later, Wolf was awakened from a sound sleep by a blinding flash of white light and a voice calling out to him, "Wolf, Wolf." "Who is it?" asked Wolf, sitting up suddenly. "Who is it?" "Wolf -- it's me, Spider." "You're not Spider. Spider just died." "I'm telling you, it's me, Spider," insisted the voice. "Spider! Where are you?" asked Wolf. "In Heaven," replied Spider. "I have some good news and bad news." Tell me the good news first," said Wolf. "The good news," Spider said, "is that there's motorcycle riding in Heaven. Better yet, all of our old buddies who died before us are here, too. Better than that, we're all young again. Better still, it's always springtime, and it never rains or snows its always warm and the wind is always at our back. And best of all, we can ride all we want, as long as we want. "That's fantastic," said Wolf.. "It's beyond my wildest dreams! So what's the bad news?" "You're the Ride Captain come next Tuesday."

## Best New Redneck Pick-Up Lines For 2008:

Is that a mirror you got down there in your panties? Cause I can sure nuff' see myself in em'.  
You might not be the prettiest girl in the bar...but hey, beauty is only a light switch away.  
Did anyone ever tell you that your eyes are just as blue as Windex?  
Do you have a Library card? Cuz I would dang sure like to check you out.  
Your parents wouldn't happen to be retarded would they? Cuz you sure are special.  
Did you fart? Cuz you sure nuff' just blew me away.  
I know I'm no Fred Flintstone, but I'll bet you a drink I can make your bed rock.  
Hey you Fat Penguin....Sorry, I just wanted to say something to break the ice.  
Yer face reminds me of a wrench. Everytime I think of you my nuts tighten up.  
If'n you're gonna regret this in the mornin....., we kin sure nuff' sleep in till after noon.

**Have you ever wondered** where the phrase "You Gotta Be Shittin' Me" came from? Well, it just so happens to have originated through the Father of Our Country

way back when George Washington was crossing the Delaware River with his troops. There were 33 [remember this number] in Washington's boat. It was extremely dark and storming furiously and the water was tossing them about. Finally, Washington grabbed Corporal Peters [remember this name] and stationed him at the front of the boat with a lantern. He ordered him to keep swinging it, so they could see where they were heading. Corporal Peters, through driving rain and cold, continued swinging the lantern back and forth, back and forth. Then a big gust of wind and a wave hit and threw Corporal Peters and his lantern into the Delaware. Washington and his troops searched for nearly an hour trying to find Corporal Peters, but to no avail. All of them felt terrible, for the Corporal had been one of their favorites. Sometime later, Washington and his troops landed on the other side, wet and totally exhausted. He rallied the troops and told them that they must go on. Another hour later, one of his men said, "General, I see lights ahead." They trudged toward the lights and came upon a huge house. What they didn't know, was that this was a house of ill repute hidden in the forest to serve all who came (no pun intended). General Washington pounded on the door, his men crowding around him. The door swung open, and much to his surprise stood a beautiful woman. A huge smile came across her face, to see so many men standing there. Washington was the first to speak. "Madam, I am General George Washington and these are my men. We are tired, wet, exhausted, and desperately need warmth and comfort." Again, the Madam looked at all the men standing there, and with a broad smile on her face, said, "Well, General, you have most assuredly arrived at the right place. We can surely give you warmth and comfort. How many men do you have?" Washington replied, "Well, madam, there are 32 of us without Peters." And the Madam said, "You gotta be shittin' me!"

**The C-5 pushed back** from the gate, the flight attendant gave the G.I.s the usual information regarding seat belts, parachutes, etc. Finally, she said, 'Now sit back and enjoy your trip while your captain, Judith Campbell, and crew take you safely to Afghanistan.' An old M/Sgt. sitting in the eighth row thought to himself, 'Did I hear her right? Is the captain a woman?' When the attendant came by he said 'Did I understand you right? Is the captain a woman?' 'Yes,' said the Attendant, 'In fact, this entire crew is female.' 'My God,' he said, 'I wish I had two double scotch and sodas. I don't know what to think with only women up there in the cockpit.' 'That's another thing Sarge,' said the Attendant, 'We No Longer call it The Cock Pit.' 'it's now, The Box Office'

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# MOTORCYCLE RALLIES

By Bob Nadeau

Well folks, it's that time of year. Time to pick out a rally or two and make reservations. Through the years I've written about a few of the ones I usually go to. I thought this might be a good time to mention a little something about each one of them. I'll start with the early ones and take them one at a time according to the date they're planned. Whoa! That sounds really organized, doesn't it?

**The Daytona Beach Motorcycle Rally is February 29th – March 9th.** Yeah, that's right. This is a Leap Year so the rally starts on February 29<sup>th</sup>. Better bring your cold, rain and warm weather gear because at that time of year you never know what the weather is going to do. Just because of that I usually go to the Fall Rally. If you're going to Daytona, don't forget to do the thing that makes Daytona stand

out from all the rest, ride your bike on the beach, on the boardwalk, and on the pier for lunch. And of course, you'll ride down Main Street. Also, go see the country's second tallest lighthouse. There's the vendors, food bars, the race track, demo riding, and all the things that make this one of the largest rallies in the country. And last but not least, Daytona's latest attraction, Destination Daytona. Oh! And one other attraction, all the beautiful women! A lot of them are riding their own motorcycles and that's a really nice sight.



**The Angel City Rally in Unadilla, Georgia is April 17th – 20th.** If you live in Georgia or any to the surrounding states like Alabama, Tennessee, South Carolina, or Florida, this is a good little rally to go to. It's a western town built just for motorcycle rallies. It's worth going just to see the town. They have bands playing all day and most of the night, bike games, food, beer, vendors, women, oh, and the hog pen where the women take their.... Well, let's just say that I like this rally.



**Thunder Beach Rally in Panama City Beach, Florida is May 1st -4th.** Now here is one I'm sorta partial to. For you people up from up north, that means I really like this rally. I go to this one every spring and fall. Why? Because like Daytona, there is a lot to do. There's the beach, lots of bars, restaurants, vendors, biker games, several state parks with beautiful beaches that give you the opportunity to make love with your best girl on the beach. Just don't get caught 'cause it's mighty embarrassing. Not that I would know. I've never been caught, I mean I've never done that. Another thing I like about Thunder Beach is that you don't get the hassle like you get in Daytona by the law enforcement. It's more hospitable.



**Hog Rock River Rally in Cave-In Rock, Illinois is June 12th – 15th.** Now folks, if you like a party, this is a good rally to go to. They have biker games, bands, three stages, wild contests, cages for girls to dance in, a pond for nude bathing, vendors, one where they do body painting (my personal favorite



because I like to watch the women take their tops off or get naked and get their bodies painted). Now body painting is a job I need. You know the women actually pay that guy to paint them. I don't remember anybody saying anything about body painting on career day at school, and I think I would have remembered that. But I digress. Anyway, it's a fun adult biker rally.

**Little Sturgis is in Sturgis, Kentucky - July 17th – 20th**

Little Sturgis and Hog rock are both great biker parties but also you can enjoy some beautiful riding through the Kentucky and Illinois countryside. That, to me, is the best part of both rallies. Well, second best. I am a typical guy. Once I've seen one woman naked, I want to see them all. But seriously, even I can't just look at women all day, so I like to get out and ride all over the great countryside in the state parks and across the Ohio River on the ferry. Hog Rock and Little Sturgis are only about fifty miles apart. Between the two, I'd pick Hog Rock. If you're going to Little Sturgis, don't forget to go to Old Shanty Town, over the river in Illinois.



**Myrtle Beach Rally on May 9th -18th** is a lot like the Panama City Rally. Great Beaches, vendors, bars. There's a biker bar in Myrtle Beach called Suck Bang and Blow where you can ride your bike right through the bar and park in back. There are bands playing, a burn-out pit, and lots of entertainment. Really neat. Now I've been going to Myrtle Beach Bike Rally on and off since the 70's and I am sort of burned out but it's a great rally that's been going on for a lot of years. It has a lot of beautiful beaches, good restaurants, party bars, vendors aplenty, and just lots and lots to do. If you've never been, put this one on your list. But this year I'm headed to the Blast on the Bayou in Lafayette, Louisiana. I'll let you know what it's like.

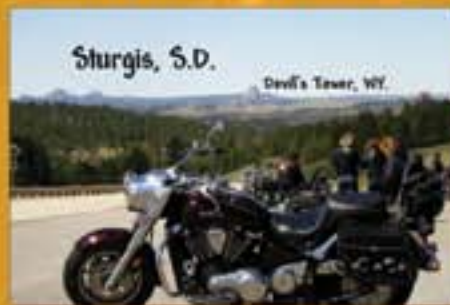


**Sturgis, South Dakota is August 4th – 10th** Sturgis is the *crème de la crème* (for ya'll that don't speak French, that means the best of the best). Like

Daytona, it has a busy main street. Now for those of you who had trouble in school like I did, there are no beaches in South Dakota. What makes Sturgis, South Dakota great is being able to ride through the Black Hills with motorcycles by the hundreds in front of you and behind you. In fact, where ever you go, within a hundred mile radius of Sturgis, there are motorcycles by the thousands, and it's a fantastic feeling to be a part of that. Besides that, everywhere you go you are really welcomed, I mean really, really welcomed. These people want the bikers there and they let you know it. Sturgis has all the other things Daytona has, vendors, bars, music, a nice main street, unpredictable weather, great looking women, but on beaches,



no hassle from the law, and a lot better place to ride. Are you beginning to see a pattern here? Us bikers like wild parties, nude women, making love on the beach, bars, food, lots of vendors, nude women, wild parties, making love, whoa! I'm repeating myself. These are just some of the rally's I'm going to this year. Pick your rallies and go.



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The set Friday night featured music from the bands who defined the greatest music era of all time (especially if you are an old timer.) By opening with the energetic "Needle and The Spoon," they hit the ground running. Bassist - Ron Reagan; Rhythm guitar - Brian Hunt and Alan Brown on Lead guitar, joined forces to serve up a show equal to a large concert band's musical sounds, vocals and harmonies. Rick Napier led songs with his striking husky-throated blues vocals in addition to his Lead guitar on Molly Hatchett, Lynyrd Skynyrd and Blackfoot tunes. Impressive lead vocalist and also a remarkable keyboardist, Matt Stern, might have channeled Ronnie Van Zant on Lynyrd Skynyrd's "Tuesday's Gone." A beautiful song sometimes rushed by other bands, but GatorHead performed it at the perfect, relaxed pace intended. Kenny Craig's drums were powerful and precise to keep GatorHead's pounding rhythm steady.

Special guest, Tonya Reagan, was a showstopper with Janis Joplin's up tempo "Bobby McGee." She got everybody on the dance floor on that number. The long dance set was incredibly fun for those of us who love to dance. The electrifying light show and sound were by Johnny St. Clair, HBP Audio Pro of Williamsburg, VA.

Early March 2008, they will be recording their first CD which will be available on the website along with their "Gator" gear. They play regularly at Rock's River Road House at the Rockahock Campgrounds in Lenexa, Bay Haven Bar & Grill in Yorktown, Cruiser's Sports Bar and Hops & Barley both in Mathews. All these are great places for another rockin' GatorHead performance. We strongly suggest checking this group out. We're glad we did and will do it again...soon!

To contact GatorHead, call Ken (757)850-3273 or Dreama at (757)567-9994. Check out their web page for show dates on [www.gatorhead.net](http://www.gatorhead.net) or [myspace/gatorhead](http://myspace/gatorhead).



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**POINTMAN PERSPECTIVE: WOMEN**

Did I get your attention? I'm going to take a little bit of a tangent this time from my normal veteran's agenda and talk about the most fascinating creature God put on this earth; women! I can hear a big "Praise the Lord" from all the men, most of them anyway. A friend once told me that "if God made anything better than a woman, He kept it for Himself" and I agree. My life is filled with women and I love it. A woman gave me birth, I married a woman, a woman gave me children. I work around women all day. Some of my clients are women. A woman cuts my hair, several of the doctors I see are women. The owner of This Thunder Roads Magazine is a woman, the sales manager is a woman, a number of the sales team are women. I'm surrounded by women and all I can say is "let it be dear Lord, let it be"

Let me start at the beginning. Genesis 1:27 says "So God made man in His image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. I understand that God has a "Father, masculine" heart and a "Mother, feminine heart". He created the man to resemble the masculine and the woman to resemble the feminine. In marriage counseling we explain that the union of a man and a woman in marriage is a union of the two hearts of God, producing an image of God Himself. Marriage of a man and a woman is picture of God. Later in Genesis 2:23 Adam says of Eve "This is bone of my bone and flesh of my flesh, she shall be called 'woman', for she was taken out of man." "For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be united to his wife and they will become one flesh." Can there be any question that marriage is the union of a man and a woman?

Did you know that Jesus surrounded Himself with women? Martha and Mary followed Jesus and supported Him. The first person Jesus approached when He rose from the grave was a woman. Jesus treated women with great respect. God chose to bring His salvation to this dying earth through a woman. Need I say more?

I have said all this to honor the women in my life. Although I have had my heart broken a number of times by women, I still believe that women are God's gift to men. I am married to a beautiful, loving woman named Donna. We do not have children together but she took me and my two children as her own and with her two we began a mini "Brady Bunch." Today we have 12 grand children and love every minute of it. Donna has put up with my bouts of depression, anger, fits of rage, and other problems associated with vet's for 23 years now. She should have dumped me years ago and gone her way, but she didn't. I wish I could give you a real good reason why she stayed. She tells me she loves

me. The love of God is in her, His grace surrounds her and today I don't think I could love her more. That has not always been the case, but we weathered the tough times and now share the grace of God together. She is my friend, my helper, my soul mate, my lover, cause yes, old bass players need love too.

Men, love your wives. She is a gift, treat her as such. Honor her, study her, get to know who she really is. Understand the differences between you and your wife and embrace them. It is these differences that attracted you to her in the first place. Then one evening when she slowly walks into the room wearing that special night gown and says "I have something for you", you will understand that it was all worth it.

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