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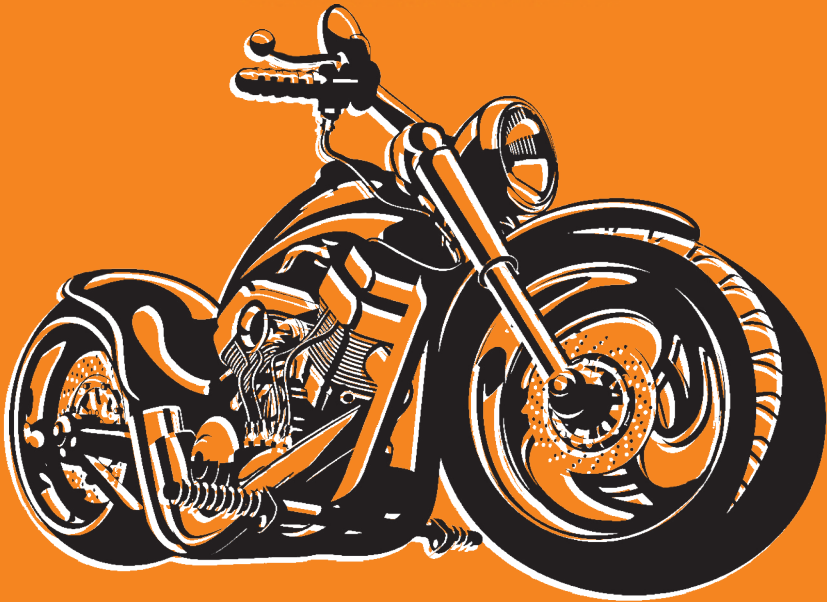
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Now let me ask you a question. Do you have a young child in your life? Maybe a son or daughter, a grandchild, or a niece or nephew? Have you ever considered how it would impact your life if your child became severely ill? What if you had to stay home to care for that child, not just today, but every day? What if your child had to be hospitalized, not for days, but for weeks and months on end?

Would it be possible for you to maintain your current lifestyle if you or your spouse was forced to quit your job to care for your sick child? Losing one of your incomes AND increasing your medical expenses DRAMATICALLY... how would that affect your family? Have you ever stayed at the hospital with someone for an expanded period

of time? If so, you know how expensive that can be.

Folks, that is what Cheryl's Birthday Bash / Ryders Army Toy Run is all about. Helping families with the difficulties alluded to above. Our goal is to help those families needing gas money, a house payment, assistance with utility bills. Food for the sick child and their siblings. You can help us help these families by attending and supporting Cheryl's Birthday Bash / Ryders Army Toy Run this year. Readers, we never know when that sick child may very well be our own child or grandchild. God Bless and Watch Out for the Cages!

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OKLAHOMA BIKER spotlights motorcycle runs, motorcycle rallies, motorcycle events, and biker friendly businesses — but mostly Oklahoma bikers.

OKLAHOMA BIKER began as a magazine in 2004 to realistically portray the biker lifestyle to the citizenry of Oklahoma. Our mission is “to communicate what it means to be an Oklahoma biker and to illustrate the brotherhood existing between Oklahoma bikers.”

Today OKLAHOMA BIKER is the foremost provider of entertainment news and information to the Oklahoma biker community. This is accomplished through video productions, magazine publications, event promotions, websites, social media, and specialty printing.

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In 2012, I popped in on the first Fire on the Water gathering, not really expecting much; I was there to say 'hi' to a few friends, give a little support to a first year event, grab a burger at Soda Steve's, and head home. What I found about knocked me off my feet; a sea of bikes, the scent of gas, oil and leather, black and bandanas were still the standard uniform and there were no posers. Everyone had a scary story to tell, but their faces all held the look of someone who knew the serenity of forgiveness. I was confused for a while, then it hit me.

They had found God.

What is impressive is that everyone gives themselves permission to let go of their past. They are no longer apologizing over and over, they embrace a life 'in the light' and support each other to move in a new direction. And some of their stories will put a chill down your spine. With their



power in numbers and Jesus along for the ride, they are unstoppable. You are invited to be a part of the miracle.

Festivities kick off May 13 at 7:30 p.m., musical guests Wildwood Church plays Friday and Once Lost jams on Saturday, but one of the highlights of the weekend is the Benefit Ride on Saturday May 14. The ride leaves F&F at 10:30 a.m., meanders its way through Tahlequah to Camp Egan and back to F&F by early afternoon. Proceeds raised go to help kids with disabilities afford to attend summer camp and just be kids for a little while, so please, give what you can to help local kids have some normal for a few weeks this summer.



Fire on the Water is celebrating its fourth year; you can get the reduced room rate at F&F (40 percent off for the weekend: 918-487-5148/www.finandfeatherresort.com) and there are other rooms nearby if you wait until the last minute. Check in with www.unitedmethodistma.org or call Eddie Gill at (918) 798-8026 for more info. Patty's story on this mag's website.

The entire weekend will be dedicated to love and forgiveness, no matter what your history is, so there's no better time

than now to reach out to these guys and gals who want to help you forgive yourself (and be a hero for a disabled child by helping them afford summer camp). Let Eddie, Patty and the gang show you where to start to turn it all around, no matter where you are or where you've been. Get ready to be amazed.

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May 15
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May 22
Special Care Ride for Kids
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May 27 - 30
American Hero Ride
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May 28
Memorial Day Fun Run
Poteau

May 28
Route 66 Festival
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May 31
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June 2 - 5
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Jun 2 - 5
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Jun 3 - 5
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Jun 4
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Jun 4
Joy Ride Poker Run
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Jun 5
Motorcycle Sunday
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Jun 9
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June 10 - 12
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Jun 11
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Jun 11
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Jun 25 – 26
Cheryl's Birthday Bash Concert
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SPRING BIKE SHOW

On April 16th, Myers-Duren Harley-Davidson held their Spring Bike Show. They awarded \$1,400 in prizes and trophies without charging an entry fee to participate. There was cheap beer and good BBQ for us to enjoy while ogling the bikes. Live music was provided by the RPM Band. Didn't seem to be as many bikes in the show as in the past, but it was still a good turnout. We hope to see ya at the next one!





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Joy in the Cause's goal is to give a small kindness to people who are suffering: a stuffed version of their mascot Mavis Pearl (who is the cutest bulldog with a wardrobe that competes with the Kardashians), a paid bill, a grocery gift card, a visit (with lunch) while they are stuck in the hospital or many other small miracles that can go a long way for someone who is unwell and feeling down. They also help family members keep it together.

Joy In the Cause needs your help. This little posse of positivity has an event planned; their "Joy Ride Poker Run" on June 4 is a hot ticket y'all. Payouts for top three hands, door prizes, a scenic ride and other giveaways ensure the odds are in your favor, but the ride starts at Myers-Duren (did you hear that? I swear I heard angels singing just now) and ends at the Hard Rock, giving it that extra special

something because nothing bad can happen to you if you smell new Harleys first thing in the morning and get a big burger after a good ride, it's karma. Bikes and cages are all welcome, as are families and pets (as long as they are kind ones). You can save some bucks by paying for your hands before the day of the run; all hands get \$5/each deducted by buying early, so everybody wins again. Find out more about the Run, Joy In



the Cause and Mavis Pearl (or Lisa, her buddy) at www.joyinthecause.org or check in with their Facebook page (joyinthecause). Please help them help others with the Poker Run; and dressing your dog as a ballerina is okay too. As long as he likes it.

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What are we REALLY seeking?

Spring is here. The weather is getting warmer and cottonwood trees are in full force.

I sat on the porch this morning staring at a potted plant that Shelly had been tending to these past few days. It is growing and looking healthy. I smiled at the simplicity of that particular "life." After admiring it for a few moments I thought about what it took to make that happen; It took earth, water and sunlight. That is so simple. The three essential things for growth are all around us. God created it that way on purpose. He gave us everything we needed when He created the world.

If we believe that this is true, then why do we always go searching for more? We feel like we need more money, better cars, a bigger house, the finest vacations and it all must outdo our neighbors. Why? Why are we so bent on filling our lives with things that do not matter? God has already given us everything we need and that resides in simplicity. The essentials in life are easy unless you look further than God's creation. Hebrews 15:5 says "...be content with what you have, for He has said, 'I will never leave you nor forsake you.'"



If you find yourself wanting something more, but do not know what it is or if you seem to be searching for something to sustain you, but do not know where to look, try looking to the cross and you will find it.

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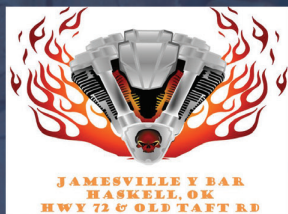
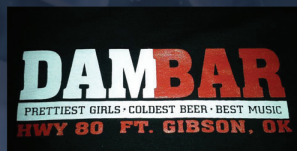
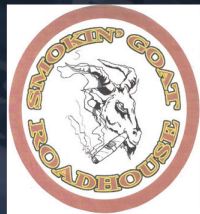


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Give up? They might be a member of the American Veterans MC. Or they might be you because on June 25 the AVMC is hosting the 3rd Annual 2016 Riverwalk Rally from 6 p.m. 'til midnight and everyone is welcome: bikers, MC's, non-bikers, veterans, civilians, kids, bring them all for an evening of good food, good stogies, giveaways, raffles, a silent auction and a few fingers of bourbon to sweeten the deal. There's going to be music by Speakeasy band, a Happy Hour 6-7 p.m. (with \$1.50 domestic beer and free chips/salsa), and all kinds of exciting fare from a local food truck. And you get bragging rights that you took the spouse out for a date night. The best part is that proceeds from the event go toward helping our veterans suffering from PTSD.

Here's the clincher: Did you know that 22 VETERANS COMMIT SUICIDE EACH DAY!?! That is just shocking (is there a stronger word for 'outraged?'), yet in our "Jerry Springer" media frenzied world, this kind of information is left out of headline news. The American Veterans MC is passionate to change that. A local veteran/Media Director/American Veteran MC member/all-around fun guy (not a mushroom!)/dude with lots of letters after his name, Dragon (AKA Dr. Joe), is doing his part to help vets get the care they need and bring our brethren back from the war once and for all.

Dragon desperately needs you to help

local veterans who have kept our freedoms free. He is recruiting fun loving folks, no matter who you are, or who you are affiliated with, to help our Okie vets on June 25. Much of the proceeds raised will go a long way to the Tulsa Vet Center reaching more vets in need.

Questions about the Rally? Dragon can be reached directly at (918) 809-0553.

To all our Vets suffering from PTSD: you are NOT alone, there is help and hope. Please, please, PLEASE call the Tulsa Vet Center at (918) 628-2760, Ernest Childers VA Outpatient Clinic at (918) 628-2500 or VA Behavioral Medicine at (918) 610-2000. Late at night, they are still available. VA Crisis Line is 1-800-273-TALK (9255) or Combat Crisis Line 1-877-WAR-VETS (927-8387). Just make that first call and we'll take it from there. You deserve no less.





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We were on our way to eat lunch after visiting the Moving Wall in Muskogee. Taking the back roads through town and **BAM!** out of nowhere is "SmokeHouse Bob's" BBQ joint; two hungry carnivores looked at each other, smiled and agreed to turn around and try it out.

First impression, looks like it's been here awhile. I have to admit this jewel is not the cleanest joint I've been in, but you need to pay attention to the demographic you are in when you stop at a place like this.




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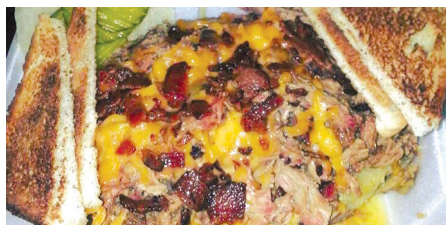
Secondly, the ambiance inside says it all. Low key communal seating and friendly service. Franky (our server) is a sweet lady and loves people (even us Bikers - I assume she doesn't know too many). They took our picture and were pleased that we enjoyed our visit.

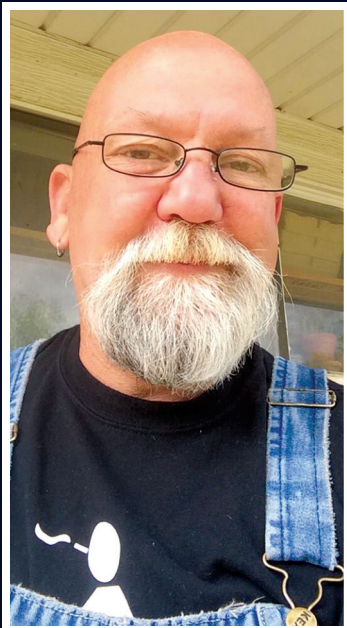
I have learned that when you are ordering from a limited menu there is more care and love put into each serving and the sizes are adequate too. My buddy "Slider" ordered the Chicken and Dumplings lunch special. It was huge served in an 8x8 inch Styrofoam takeout container. Be warned: you'll want to eat this dish with care, as the meat is on the bone. Hot water corn bread came with it (we had never heard of hot water cornbread; they are kinda like a fluffy, browned pancake, so now you know too).

I had the Three Meat Dinner (hot links, pork, and ribs) with coleslaw and baked beans as my choice of sides and their cornbread of course. The side menu is a little lean on choices although the serving sizes are not. Self-serve sweet tea was a nice touch for me because I really don't like my cup to get empty while dining.

All in all, a great experience; on our way to try a downtown café we found a nice jewel on a back road that I have never been on previously. I'm sure the locals love having this gem right where it is. Try SmokeHouse Bob's for yourselves and let them know you heard about it here in *Oklahoma Biker*, from "Two Tone Biker."

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It starts and ends at the Bedouin Shrine Center at 201 6th Street in Muskogee, with 90 miles of scenic ride through Cookson Hills (Vian, Gore, Tahlequah, Wagoner) starting at 9-11 a.m. and ending no later than 6 p.m.. It only costs \$25

for the first hand and \$10 for each additional, but if you win, you could go home WAY richer. They are divvying up \$4,000 for great hands, bad hands, most MC members in attendance and more. There are lots of pit stops to eat, shop and stretch your legs as well as fun things to do, and they made the deal even sweeter by having t-shirts available for sale so you can avoid clothes shopping for another six months. Yay Shriners!

But the best part of all comes from knowing that the Shriners are putting all the money they raise toward helping sick kids in need right here in our little part of the world. The guys and gals of Shriners Temple work so tirelessly to transport and house children and a parent to Shriver hospitals for medical treatment even when they have no money or insurance to pay the bill.

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Is it just me or.....

Has anyone else noticed that most people who drive cars with Handicap tags drive like shit? I mean really, if you have a disability, that isn't a problem at all, lots of people do and they overcome and adapt. If you have a disability that keeps you from driving normally or impairs your ability to drive, maybe you should let someone else drive for you (I'm just thinking on paper here). I'm sick and tired of getting stuck behind cars with those tags.

Why do cop cars have dark (limo style) tinted windows? Is that so we can't see them texting and talking on their phones? Or playing with the laptop while they're driving? But the Boys in Blue have no problem pulling you over for the same thing. Is anyone else seeing a trend with cop cars having the saying "In God we trust" on the backs of the units? What the hell is this about? I trust God..... them other guys..... not so much!

We should outlaw casinos! I'm tired of

getting stuck behind "Blue Hairs" driving 30 under the speed limit on the way to get their \$5 free play.

Do all people who live in Kansas live on farms? Because most of you drive like you're taking a casual stroll into town for church and to pick up a few things from the "Five and Dime".

Why do people think they just need go sit out in the fast lane and hold up traffic? If you're not going to pass, get the hell out of the way! I don't give a shit if you're already doing "Two mph over the speed limit", either speed up and get out of the way or slow down and drop back in line. Yes, you have every right to be a dick and hold up everyone else, but why would you do that? Didn't your Mommy hug you enough when you were little? Leave the hammer lane open for those of us who are strolling!

Anybody beside me think these elections are a joke? Both the Democrats and Republicans suck. They're acting like a bunch of grade school children. They twist and manipulate the rules to fit whatever their agenda is. I think all four of these Asshats are terrible choices (or five if you count the joke from Ohio) and none are qualified to be the President. Let's see.... A crook, a Commie, a Canadian, a Narcissistic Blowhard and that whack job from Ohio. Not really much to choose from. The conventions should be a joke. I hope we wind up with four candidates (or more) running for office, this could be interesting. (Tank's side note – wouldn't it be nice if the Commander in Chief had maybe served at least one hitch in the Military?)

Is there a double standard here or what? A little Mom and Pop cake shop get the shit sued out of them because they refuse to bake a cake for a Gay wedding

because it goes against their beliefs. But.....it's ok for Bruce Springsteen to cancel a show (that means he is not performing services) because he doesn't believe the new Transgender Bathroom law in North Carolina is fair. Ok you Liberals! It's time to pick and choose... The show venue should take the Boss to court. (The same with that Jack wad Libtard Michael Moore)

Has texting and driving gotten a little out of hand? I drive a truck for a living and get to see more than my share of the results of this. Last week I saw a selfish young woman take the life of a husband and father of 2 kids because she was texting. Long story short, she was texting when she went past me, changed lanes, hooked her tire on the side of the road, lost control and slid head on into the path of a guy on a bike. Killed him, dead! (and her too) I sure hope that text message was important. It cost two people their lives. I hope someday they can make it where you can't text in a car. It would save a lot of our friends lives. Has anyone reading this ever texted while driving? Why? Why don't you quit? Won't happen to you? Horse Shit! It happens every day to people who say it will never happen to them. Think about it....

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In the last ten months we have lost two legends in the Oklahoma biker community. On June 10th of last year we lost LaNelle Meyer. On March 27th we lost Hessian Paul “Rusty Chain” Weinschenk. There wasn’t much BS with Hessian Paul. At least with me, he always told me exactly how he felt. Once, when I did a spread on the Isle Bastards MC he came directly to me and said, “You aren’t planning to bring that patch to Oklahoma are you? We won’t allow it.” Another time when we were on the deck at Blues City he said to me, “Yes. You are my friend.” I knew he meant it.

Hessian Paul was a Navy Seal and served two tours in Vietnam. He was a fireman and helped start the volunteer fire department at Oak Grove. He, like LaNelle, was a



member of the original Tulsa ABATE, and spent more than 46 years fighting for Motorcyclists’ rights. Hessian Paul was treasurer for the Oklahoma Confederation Clubs for more than 14 years. He was also a long time member of the Hessians M/C Nation.

I say all of this, simply to say this: “Hessian Paul was an Old School Biker. He demanded respect...and he deserved to be respected. He could be cantankerous and he could be considerate. He was My Friend. My love and respect goes out to Annie, Anna, Spike and the Hessian Nation, and to all who loved Hessian Paul.



Echoes of our brothers and sisters of our brothers and sisters of our brothers and sisters



**HESSIAN PAUL "RUSTY CHAIN"
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Changin' Lanes:

Hello, my name is Gina, though some of you may know me as Tiny Tank. I'm 52 and the only thing that has remained the same is that my life is constantly changing lanes. When it comes to survival, I've been at it since the very beginning. In 1963, I was born with hip dysplasia and was given Morphine for pain and they told my mom that I would never walk. So, from a young age, I started looking for something to dull the pain in any way I could. Whenever I was loaded, I thought that I could be myself. This manifested itself when I pulled out the drawers in the bathroom to get into the medicine cabinet and drink cough syrup, and even at family gatherings, I learned to sneak drinks from my daddy's beer. I could open up, talk, and be accepted when I was flying high, but unlike others, I didn't party. I got loaded to black out! After many years of abusing my body, I realized it was time to make a change.

When I rolled a car in June of '02 which could have killed both myself and my son, I started the journey of recovery. We were incredibly fortunate to walk away from that accident with minimal damages. I walked away with a bruised and bloody scalp, as my hair had got sucked out the window and pulled under the car, and my son miraculously didn't suffer a single bruise. The next month, in July, someone passed through my life that helped me change lanes again. It has been very rough at times, but it has brought me to where I am today.

When I was diagnosed with breast cancer in '04, I thought my life was over. I suffered through surgeries, ports, chemo, baldness, and even losing my breasts. Hats became part of my daily attire. But the biker community didn't let me fall or sit on a pity pot for long. For a time, they helped me change lanes once again. My friends helped me to realize that cancer is a word, not a sentence. I also learned that boobs don't define who a woman is, but it is the inner beauty that makes

the lady. It was through this ordeal that I began to find my inner strength.

At this point in my life, I've changed lanes once more from victim to survivor. Today I make a daily choice to live as a survivor. Nowadays, I enjoy the sounds of the birds chirping outside my window, whereas before I would lay in my bed, screaming "Shut up!" and holding my aching head after a night of drinking and drugging. I look forward to the sunrise, rather than dreading it, and thank my higher power for another day above ground.

I have learned that there are no 'bad' days, just good days and learning days. Be good to yourself. Get your knees in the breeze and watch out for those cages. I've learned to forgive others, but more importantly, I've learned to forgive and accept myself, with all of my scars included. Nobody knows, and I certainly don't know, what tomorrow holds, so enjoy every moment and the diversity it brings to your life. To everyone reading this, know that everything can change in the blink of an eye. Be sure to take a moment to enjoy each other. A big thank you to all the brothers and sisters that helped me along the way. Much love and respect.

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WAIT. There's more. Unfortunately, in June, 2012, Ryder's cancer came back with a vengeance. A tumor had wrapped around Ryder's brain stem and all potential treatment options were off the table, so the only choices were 'light chemotherapy' and drugs that required his mom Elly to wear a hazmat suit and gloves when giving Ryder his meds. In addition, Ryder had to take adult doses of steroids that turned him into a miserable

little boy with 'roid rage,' weight gain and muscle pain so bad that he couldn't walk. After four months, the prognosis was the same, so Elly and the family made a decision to stop the insanity and let Ryder enjoy his remaining time without the debilitating drugs.

On March 14, 2013, the angels came for Ryder.

Elly's description of Ryder's last days is so touching: *"On the day before he passed, he finally admitted he was in pain and needed something to cope. That evening Ryder fell asleep. He was surrounded by his family and friends. The following morning I was awakened by the hospice nurse saying she couldn't read his blood pressure. It was almost time. I pleaded and begged for him not to go. The nurse whispered to me that I needed to tell him it was okay to leave. I felt a calm come over me, I leaned in and whispered to Ryder that it was okay to go with the angels. He took two more breaths, and it was over."* See the story in its entirety on www.okbiker.net. (Get tissues! LOTS of tissues!)

The Event

In 2014, Darrell asked Cheryl what she wanted for her birthday. She wanted a toy run in honor of Ryder and the little heroes like him. We are certain Cheryl is going to fix all the wrongs of the world in her quiet way, and it starts with Ryder's Army. Both St. Francis and OU Children's Hospitals have Toy Closets that are always in need of toys because there are kids who are always fighting this evil

disease. It is the goal of Ryder's Army to keep these Toy Closets stocked full of toys so the kids there know they have soldiers who care.

Now, in its third year, this year's celebration happens June 25-26. We're going to suggest you plan to be there both days because the Ryder's Army Toy Run, Cheryl's Birthday Bash, the Old School Smokers BBQ Smoke-Off, games and fun for little and big kids, raffles, giveaways, and Fran Cosmo (the former lead singer for a little band named BOSTON - yes, the REAL Boston!) will be on stage all for YOU at Country Corner Fire Station in Sperry. And that's just the beginning. You knew the couple with rhyming first names were gonna make it worth your time to come out and party with them.

ANNNNNDDDD, Cheryl's Birthday Bash Ryder's Army Toy Run is hosting the Confederation of Clubs 20th Anniversary party!

Gifts? Yes Please



What Cheryl wants for her birthday is simple: she wants toys. Lots of toys. She wants toys for some of the bravest, toughest, sweetest people you'll EVER meet in your life. These kids are on the front lines fighting for another day, another chance, another breath of life. When times get tough, they focus on the

Toy Closet and the small reward they get for suffering another round of surgery, chemo, radiation or the endless tests, needles and medications that never seem to stop. Yes a toy on many occasions makes it doable. Info on allowable toys for the Closet at the end of this article and on www.oklahomabiker.net.

The monetary proceeds from this event will help families who are impacted by childhood cancer.

The Smoke-Off



To make things more interesting, some of the best meat smokers from around the U.S. are competing for bragging rights, trophies and, yes, money. The best part is they want YOUR vote too. Its old school smokin' with YOUR vote meaning something (imagine THAT!). Best part of all is that it only costs you a measly \$10 to grab a plate (and cast a vote). The "Old School Smokers BBQ Smoke-Off" Competition takes place on June 25.

They welcome all competitors until June 20. Find all the forms you'll need, rules and details on their Facebook page (search 'Old School Smokers BBQ Smoke Off'). There are four categories this year: chicken, ribs, pork butt and brisket. You can enter one category for \$30 or sign up for all four for \$100. There will be payouts for the best smokers, so bring your 'A' game.

In addition to the four categories; the Matt Stevenson Wing Challenge has been added in memory of Derrick Stevenson's son. The Old School Smokers are calling out all those who think they can cook-up some wings. Derrick is ready to take on all wing masters.

For all you need to know about being a meat smoking competitor, along with the forms to sign-up can be found on the Old School Smokers BBQ Smoke Off Facebook page.

Tasty music too

You can't serve any old rusty music with meat that's been watched, turned, rubbed and smoked for hours. The Briggs' thought about that long and hard and decided that getting a headliner who had songs that everyone could sing along with was important to making this weekend ultra-special and they found that the former lead singer for the band Boston (yes, THAT BOSTON!) could make a stop for a bit, along with some of the other members of that awesome band that gave all of us 'More than a Feeling' more times than we care to count. Fran Cosmo is bringing along some of his best back-up buds to entertain us.

"Fran Cosmo exploded onto the Rock scene when he took over for Brad Delp as the lead singer for the Legendary group BOSTON in 1992. Fran was featured as the lead vocalist on the "WALK ON" Album which sold over a million copies worldwide. Certified Platinum in America and certified Platinum in Canada. Fran's Lead vocals was also featured on four of the songs off the "Corporate America" Album and both of BOSTON'S Greatest Hits. The song "Livin For You" in which Fran also sang

lead on was the only LIVE BOSTON song ever released on the Greatest Hits Albums. Before joining Boston Fran was a highly respected vocalist. He was the Lead singer and co-song writer for Both "Orion The Hunter" and Barry Goudreau Albums. The Song "So You Ran" was big MTV hit and climbed to number #4 on the US Billboard Charts. The band then toured with Aerosmith's "Back in the Saddle" Tour.

The Band also features Anton Cosmo and David Sikes also former members of BOSTON. Anton wrote and performed four songs off the "Corporate America" Album and performed as the backing vocalist and guitarist on the 2003-2004 world tours. David played bass, sang and co-wrote a number of songs with Tom Scholz for the BOSTON's "Walk On". (www.francosmo.com)



The Ride

Are you interested so far? For all your efforts to give the Toy Closets some love, Ryder's Army has organized a special ride on Sunday June 26 with line-up starting at Mack Taylor Park at 11 a.m., stands up at 1:30 p.m., and finishing at the Country Corner fire station in Sperry. There will be local police on hand to make sure all the brothers and sisters can ride through safely and

uninterrupted. Please bring your new toy(s) and monetary donations with you. You can ride on two or four wheels so the whole family can show their support for Ryder's Army. All are welcome to ride.

Acceptable toys and donations for the Toy Closet

As with any children whose immune systems are compromised, the children at St. Francis and OU cannot have certain toys. Please skip stuffed animals. Toys that are still in their original packaging or plastic toys that can be wiped down easily are best (Legos ROCK). If you have questions, call Cheryl at (918) 644-1267, logon to www.oklahomabiker.net or email Cheryl at cbiggs@cavanalhill.com with specific questions. And if that pesky allergy to shopping kicks in **guys**, let Cheryl shop for you. Just stick a check in an envelope and mail it to: Oklahoma Biker, 11215 N. Garnett Road, Suite D, Owasso, OK 74055.

Enjoy a beautiful summer day with good food, good music, good friends and good times and thank God that your kids can run around and be kids because Cheryl wants you to bring the whole family along to make a day of it. She's got her armory of angels planning all sorts of activities to entertain your crew. I know she'll try to delete this, but we all know Cheryl has to repay one kindness with 10 kindnesses in return. That's how she is. The good part is that we get the reward of a party that we'll talk about for years to come. AND, if you come down with that pesky 'shopping allergy', that's okay, bring some cash, a check, rolls of quarters; Cheryl will shop for those toys on your behalf. She just wants you to come out and give these kids your love and support. God Bless.



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Well, one of our own, Wally President of Oklahoma Red Knights Chapter 7, stated that the MC has made it their mission to give these little troopers a shot at normal for even one week each year where they go to the Firefighters Burn Camp and spend a week being a happy little kid again. The Red Knights MC has one fundraiser each year and every penny they make goes to the kids. But the fun to be made getting that money together goes to you. With this year being their fourth anniversary of "Rally on the River", the RKMC has much to be excited about; they've increased their donations every year, starting with \$1,300 and making \$3,200 last year. With the camp cost only being about \$600 per child, that's quite a few kids enjoying a week of normalcy.

The 'Rally on the River' is slated for June 11, but there's a lot to enjoy, so you are welcome to make a weekend of it. The Rally is a different take on the usual Poker Run, they have a DICE RUN! I know, I was pretty excited too. Worth going just to play a few hands! First hand



is \$20, each additional is only \$5. The big payout is \$500. Registration starts at 9 a.m., first bike out at 10 and last one in at 2 p.m. so everyone can enjoy the rest of the fun they've planned: giveaways, door prizes, 50/50 raffle, biker games, kids' games, food, merch vendors, music acts and a car & bike show all happening at Feyodi Park in Cleveland.

Bring family, friends, civilians, because everyone is welcome to be a part of Rally on the River. Let's send these kids to camp and give them a little bit of normal.

Need info? Call Wally (he's wicked crazy about these kids and the camp): (918) 691-4242 or check their Facebook page by doing a search for "Red Knights MC OK7."



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You can see me, but I'm not here. You see, in my mind I'm over there. I know you may not understand, but sometimes I go back to a foreign land. A place I served with brave men who I would stand and serve with once again. It's different now though, I don't want to be there. What these memories bring back recreate the fear. Fear we had to hold inside, to keep our heads, to stay alive. Growing up with movies - watching our heroes leading men into battle, on foot, in tanks, or even on horseback - glorified wars with action scenes and explosions, the good guys kicking ass and special effect illusions. I am a proud vet, but I tell you now, there is nothing glorifying about the devastation of war. It affects so many lives, not caring if rich or poor. If you've not seen the battle grounds, civilian or soldier, in the country or towns, then you'll never know about the wounds that won't heal; ones you can't see and can't feel. It's a small percentage of our men and women that have served in these lands and military stations. Most have come home and many have died, and

at one time or another we have all cried. Cried for the men and women we lost, serving beside us paying the ultimate cost. Cried for their families, children, spouses and others, we honor them by remembering our sisters and brothers. Sometimes we cry for our own wounds and scars, the ones you can see and the ones in our minds and hearts. You see, though we may have come home from these foreign lands, the lands followed us home, the deserts, the jungles, the sands. The memories, dreams, thoughts and the nightmares; we ask who can help us, who really cares?

Kevin (Slyder) Erwin

Many come home and yet at home they feel lost. Too many take their own lives, still paying the cost.

Recognize suicide warning signs

- Thinking about hurting or killing yourself

- Looking for ways to kill yourself
- Talking about death, dying or suicide
- Self-destructive behavior such as drug abuse, weapons, etc.

Additional warning signs

- Feelings of hopelessness, feeling as though there's no way out
- Anxiety, agitation, sleeplessness, mood swings
- Feeling like there is no reason to live
- Rage or anger
- Engaging in risky activities without thinking
- Increasing alcohol or drug abuse
- Withdrawing from family and friends

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I take comfort in my belief in a God who is there for me to turn to. I am fortunate to have a loving wife there for me to turn to and be comforted by her love. She may not always understand things I think and feel and see, but she has never turned her back on me. My kids and grandkids all give me something to hold on to and help me to be happy in life, and the awesome friends I have made over the years make me happy also...but there are many, too many that either don't have someone there or turn away from them; afraid they may hurt them, or they find themselves turning to situations that bring them to the point of stepping out of this life by their own hand. It may not always happen, but suicide can be prevented.

Please learn the warning signs and if you are, see or know someone that may be in this kind of trouble, please call the suicide prevention heartline and maybe save another life. Someone out there needs them and may be helped by learning to deal with their situations, their scars, and wounds.



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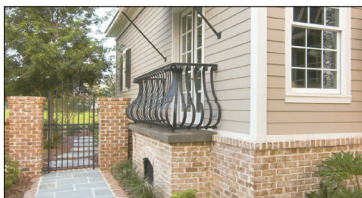
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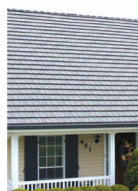
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