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TALKIN' TRASH

Evolution. It means advancement. Progression. I was recently told by someone I love and respect that Oklahoma Biker "no longer shows the true lifestyle of bikers, and has become too Christian/Family oriented." My friend is correct. Oklahoma Biker has always reflected what I have going on in my life at the time. In the past, I was going to bars and rallies...and wherever else I thought might be fun. Today I am married, raising a nine-year-old grandson, not drinking or drugging, and not staying awake very often past 9 pm. My life has evolved; and where and how I ride has also evolved. Today, we ride to dinner with our friends, or ride to family-friendly events. So that is what has been reflected in the pages of Oklahoma Biker the Riders Ragazine.

I am cognizant of the changes made in the RAG over the past 5+ years. From a personal standpoint, I am pleased with the changes; however, as my friend pointed out, we may not be providing content which you want to see. We will be mindful to include more photos of bikers living the biker lifestyle. We will include more pictures from rallies like Sparks America, Candy Creek, and Copperhead Run rallies. Yet Oklahoma Biker is now distributed in nearly 500 restaurants, convenience stores and grocery stores. Being accessible to young children mandates we keep our content to public standards.

Many ventures I have tested within the

RAG thru the years has failed. One of those failed ventures was "Changin' Lanes." No matter how hard we tried, the project never caught on. Consequently, we are now moving on to our next endeavor which will be a tattoo magazine. We are excited about sharing information with you concerning local artists and tattoo shops. Plus, we will have lots of full color photos of our readers' tattoos. Watch for the release of this publication in September.

Folks, if you have ideas, questions or comments about how we might evolve and progress at Oklahoma Biker please feel free to share them with us. You may email your ideas to info@oklahomabiker.net. Remember, I am just the Janitor, and I make all of this stuff up as I go along. Until next issue may God Bless and Watch Out for The Cages!

The Janitor



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OKLAHOMA BIKER is the largest and fastest growing motorcycle lifestyle marketing company in Oklahoma that illustrates Oklahoma motorcycle runs, motorcycle rallies, and motorcycle events through videos, pictures and written observations.

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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Tulsa Downed Bikers Association Annual Memorial Ride



HARLEY-DAVIDSON Riders ROAR Into WOODWARD

More than 800 Harley-Davidson riders from across the region are arriving in Woodward and the area for the 28th annual Oklahoma H.O.G. (Harley Owners Group) Rally. The rally is taking place September 1-3 at the Woodward County Fairgrounds. Harley Riders are coming to Woodward from as far as California to attend the three day event.

During the annual rally riders will take part in a variety of activities, games and test of riding skills, bike show and observation rides. A giant parade of Harley-Davidsons will roll through Woodward on Saturday, giving the community a look at some great Harley-Davidsons. H.O.G. members come to the rally to ride to new places and see the local sites. Rally Coordinator, Donna Hingtgen, says "Attendees will be riding all over the area while they ride to some great historical sites like Fort Supply, Wichita Battlefield, the Windmill Museum in Gage, and over east to the Majors County Historical Museum."

Concerts all three days will feature great music. Thursday will kick-off the rally with a party on Main Street, featuring upcoming Country Singer, Jake Gill. Friday's concert features three bands with Foghat headlining the night. Tickets are available to the public for this concert too. Saturday the rally will close with a big party featuring Déjà Vu.

ILL Conduct stunt show will perform several times each day with a public show on Friday night before the Foghat concert. This team of Harley-Davidson stunt riders performs across the nation in

daring ways we don't suggest you try.

The impact of an event like this is great to a community like Woodward. Past rallies have made great financial impacts to communities and the hotels in Woodward are filling up. Besides hotel income and taxes, visitors will be eating and shopping in Woodward. Local stores are encouraged to offer shipping so bikers can get their merchandise home. Marketing Coordinator, Neal Wood, says "There are still opportunities for local businesses to get in on promoting their business and supporting the rally by purchasing a program guide that is given to each participant. Supporting the rally is also a support for the community."

The rally is open only to H.O.G. members and their guest, but Harley owners will have an opportunity to join H.O.G. at the rally. Participants are able to pre-register until July 14 for a reduced price on the rally website. After July 14 the price will increase.

More information is available at: www.okstatehogrally.com or by calling (580) 763-4963.



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Registration 7:30am Barlow Armory

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E V E N T S

July 1-4
Route 66 Family Freedom Rally
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July 2
CVMA Bikes, Blues, and Boom
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July 4
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July 9
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July 9
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July 9
Hotter Than Hell Poker Run
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July 9
DBA - Tulsa Poker Run (Night)
Tulsa
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July 9
Poker Run to Help the Vets
and Food Pantry
Mannford VFW
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July 10
JW Swapmeet
Tulsa
816.228.5811

July 15-17
Sparks' Mudstock
Sparks America
sparksamericacampgrounds.com

July 15-17
Deepwoods Rally
Cameron
918.654.7384

July 16
DBA Bug Run
OKC

July 16
Ride for the Rescue
OKC

July 16
2nd DBA Dart Run
OKC
405.789.5565

July 16
4th CVA Parking Lot Sale
Tulsa

July 16
Naysayers MC Summer Sizzle
Midwest City
naysayersmc@cox.net

July 16
Jody Williams Memorial Poker Run
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July 22 – 24
BACA Kid's Fest
Spavinaw

July 23
SW OK BACA Poker Run
Lawton
580.583.4500

July 23
Landing Run
Afton
918.676.3228
thelanding.biz

July 24
ROC Meeting
OKC

July 29 – 31
Biker Family Fun Day
Wyandotte
918.553.6322

July 30
Memorial Poker Run for
Fire Chief Wade Guyer
Forman Harley-Davidson
Stillwater

August 1
DBA Tulsa Member Meeting
2017 Board Nominations
Tulsa

Aug 6
Back to School Ride
Sperry
tmv327@msn.com

Aug 17
DBA Tulsa Board Meeting
Tulsa

Aug 18-21
Oklahoma Sturgis After Party
Depew
Route66bikerrally.com

Aug 19 – 20
Big Jim's Motorcycle Rally
Tahlequah
918.431.1655
www.bigjimsrally.com

Aug 20
4th Annual Bug Run
Downed Biker Assn - Tulsa
Tulsa

Aug 20
Annual Veterans Awareness Celebration
Flag Retirement Ceremony
Firelake Arena
Shawnee

Aug 21
JW Swapmeet
OKC
816.228.5811

Aug 21
ROC Meeting
OKC

Aug 27
8th Bowlegs Fire Run
Bowlegs
Eightball56@gmail.com

Aug 27 – 28
Bull Run Rally
Tonkawa

September 1 – 3
OK HOG Rally 2016
Woodward
580.763.4963
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Sep 3
Autumn's Run
McAlester Priesthood Chapter Event
Benefits Families with Children
or Adults with Disabilities
918.916.3303

Sep 6
DBA Tulsa Member Meeting
Tulsa

Sep 8 – 10
Hot Springs Rally
Hot Springs, AR
thehotspringsrally.com

Sept 9-10
Sparks L.S.P.D.
Sparks
sparksamericacampgrounds.com

Sep 9 – 11
Eagle Rider Rally
Muskogee
918.441.2628

Sep 9 – 11
Stewart's White Trash Pasture Party
Fargo
580.698.2599

Sep 10
Special Olympics
Miles for Medals
Skiatook

Sep 10
Yayo's Run
Marlow, OK
580.251.1494

Sep 10
Real Heroes Cancer Benefit
Tulsa
918.688.4995

Sep 10
2nd Ride to End Stigma
Moore
405.607.6018

Sep 15 - 18
Candy Creek Rally
Barnsdall
918.440.8322
sfinney@totalcsi.net

Sep 16 - 18
Forsaken Few M/C Fun Run
Antlers
580.326.1809

Sep 17
BMAD End of Summer Run
Poteau
918.839.6412

Sep 17
Running with the Daltons
Coffeyville, KS
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Sep 17
Poker Run for Parkinson's
Elk City
Blueknightokvi.com

Sep 17
Ride to Rescue PAAS
Vinita
918.691.9637

Sep 17
State Park Run
Foss Lake Marina
580.243.8931

Sep 17
DBA Bikefest 2016
OKC

Sep 17
Loaves & Fishes Benefit Run
Seminole
405.432.8408

Sep 18
ROC Meeting
OKC

Sep 21 – 24
Bikes, Blues & BBQ
Fayetteville, AR

Sep 23 – 25
Route 66 Cruisers
Cruise-In Car Show
Claremore, OK
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Sep 24
Masonic Charity Ride
Lindsay
405.756.0550

Sep 24
Ride for Sight Poker Run
Duncan
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Sep 24
Rebel Yell Memorial Dart Run
Midwest City
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Sep 24
Empire Motorcycle Show
Duncan

Sep 24
24th Pig Roast & Poker Run
Midwest City
naysayersmc@cox.net

Sep 29 - Oct 2
Dead End Rally
Peru, KS
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Sept 30 - Oct 2
Sooner State ABATE
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Fall Family Gathering
Sequoyah Bay State Park
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Autumn's Run celebrates the life and legacy of a young lady with disabilities. Her mom, Misti Hawkins/Priesthood Gypsy begins the story; "Autumn's disability began at three years old. I had just turned 23 when she got sick with mono and developed a brain infection, Viral Encephalitis. The doctors weren't sure she would live and she was in the ICU for several days. She was in a coma for 3 ½ months, her body shaped like a bow, her eyes rolled back in her head and screaming. The doctors said if Autumn survived the brain infection, the possibility of there being permanent brain damage increased the longer she was in a coma. After almost a month after our nightmare began, we were transferred to the Pediatric Center of Restorative Care at Baylor Hospital in Dallas (most of the rehabilitation facilities in Oklahoma did not allow the parent to stay with the child, so Dallas was the best we could do), and while Autumn was still in a coma, her therapy began.

Autumn came out of the coma very slowly. We knew we were in for a long road to recovery, but to what degree was unknown. Then one day, she smiled at me. It was one of the greatest days of my life! Despite the MRI showing brain damage, Autumn smiled more, made tears, could vocalize a bit, but her best skill came from what we called her "talking eyes". She learned how to use her eyes to tell us her needs. After more therapy, we were sent home to a very different life than the one we left. Autumn needed a wheelchair, tube feeding, diaper changing and she had more surgeries and hospital stays to come.



Oddly enough, during this time, our faith didn't lessen, it only grew stronger. Autumn developed a quality of life that was a miracle all on its own; she went to school, had non-disabled friends, was on the pep squad, attended school events, had boyfriends, got a tattoo and even got engaged.

On December 4, 2013, the angels came for Autumn. She spent four months in and out of the hospital, the last two on a ventilator and life support, but we focus on the happy times we had. She was 23.

Autumn's Run was created to celebrate her legacy and by doing so, help others with disabilities and their caregivers by easing the financial burden the families face when things like this happen and a loved one is hospitalized for a lengthy period of time.





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The folks at Sparks work tirelessly to create outdoor adventures for all of us who like the feeling of fresh air, outdoors and anything with an engine (correction, anything American made with an engine). They spend the entire winter dreaming up ideas to entertain bikers, campers and partiers who crave that need for getting down and dirty or who need to shake off the city and commune with nature. And machinery. Mudstock, happening July 14-17, should satisfy all your needs.

It's not just riding around on an ATV for three days (well, for some it is); they have all-ATV events on Friday, but trucks get all the love on Saturday. It's also free beer at the gate, live music Saturday, free tent camping, plenty of RV hook-ups (only \$90), a weekend pass for only \$40, and cabin rentals for your stay (\$150 each, but act NOW) just for the luxury of having a nice bed to plunk yourself down after a long day of dirt slinging'.

Of course, Sparks is always giving back the love for attending. This year, they are offering \$1,800 in Bounty Hole money (\$20 buy-in will get you in on the pot), they'll have cash prizes for Dirt Drags and Mud Bogs, so you could go home a few bills richer that way too, and Outlaw



Diesel is sponsoring this year's Mudstock, so bet that they'll have giveaways, new stuff to drool over and we're holding out on some goodies of the food variety to sweeten the deal. Who knows? The smell of new diesel engines is pretty enticing; you could end up lovin' some of the pretty new things they are showing off, and POOF!, next thing you know, you're parking a shiny new sumptthin-sumptthin in the driveway....

Paden Mud Bog & Rock Climbing LLC will also be joining the festivities at Sparks America to watch the mud mania (and sling a little slop too); check them out to learn something new or just to make new friends.

For more info, check out www.sparksamericacampgrounds.com, call (918) 866-2543, or e-mail them at tcb@sparksamericacampgrounds.com. Sparks is located at 346719 E 990 Road in Sparks, Oklahoma.

Happy dirty cracks and crevices y'all!



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The Go and Show ride from Myers-Duren Harley-Davidson to Haikey Creek will begin at 8a.m. with registration and 9 a.m. departure.

The Road to Hope event includes games, music, door prizes and food trucks. Tickets will be available for a chance to win a 2016 Harley Davidson Sportster 883 or a 2016 Dodge Challenger.

Awards, live auction, prizes, and drawings begin at 3 p.m. at Haikey Creek. All proceeds benefit the Tulsa Area United Way.

This event is sponsored by the Transport Workers Union of America, Local 514; American Airlines; Gateway Tire and Service Center; Chris Nickel Jeep Chrysler Dodge; Myers-Duren Harley Davidson; and the Tulsa Area UnitedWay.

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I am finding it hard to look at social media anymore. Things are getting crazy and it doesn't seem to be getting any better. Mass shootings, bombs, hate, rejection, anger, non-peaceful protests and for what? Folks are just angry and social media seems to be perpetuating a lot of it.

A few months ago I sat at my desk with my finger on the delete button. I was ready to end all the negativity and hate with the stroke of a computer key but then I thought of something; what would deleting my Facebook or Twitter accounts do? It would not change anything that's going on. It would not protect anyone that is affected by evil and injustice. It would not inspire someone to do the same or to see life through a different lens. No, the truth is that deleting my accounts would do only one thing; bury my head in the sand. Sure, it might free me from a little negativity but it would not help to create a solution.

And so I prayed. I prayed for an answer and God answered me in three words. Those words were "Elvis Ray LePetomane."

1 Peter 4:10 says; "As each has received

a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace."

I decided I would use my gifts and passion to do something to help social media be a little less negative. I created a character that would prove to be quite successful. Elvis Ray's videos are shared all over the world and his message of love and accountability is taken to heart by countless people. He has also been booked to speak at several different events. All this because I listened to God. This simple gift He gave me has been the answer to a lot of other people's prayers as well. I receive messages daily thanking me for the positivity and teaching that comes from this backwoods theologian from Oklahoma.

So instead of deleting social media and pretending everything was hunky-dory, I took a stand and started making a difference. I invite you to go to Facebook and YouTube and help spread a more positive message by liking and sharing videos by Elvis Ray LePetomane. You just might make someone's day.

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Here's how it works: on July 30, show up at Myers-Duren (4848 S. Peoria Avenue, Tulsa) by 11 a.m. to register and grab your first card (it costs \$20 per rider, \$10 per passenger, \$10 for an extra card, \$5 for a replacement number). Everyone heads out about noon, you play your best (or worst) hand, and the day winds out at Mr. Lucky's Pub for food and refreshments on or before 6 p.m., where they figure out the hands and pay out \$500 and \$250 respectively.

The extra bit of awesome: if you bring a lunchbox or backpack, BOLD will gift you



an extra card. Same goes if you bring TWO of the following: packs of wide-ruled paper, 5-colored folders, markers, scissors, binders or colored pencils. These things might not seem like a big deal, but there are a lot of single parents around here who feel differently (and need school supplies).

If you have questions, would like to help BOLD on the day of the Run (they REALLY need volunteers), or if you just want to drop off school supplies, call Brandy Schrader at (918) 924-5079 or e-mail her at boldinfotulsa@gmail.com. Check out the good deeds of BOLD on Facebook (search for Tulsa Bikers Overseeing Living Dependents) or check in with www.boldinfo.net.

Having the right supplies can go a long way to help local kids be successful, please help the families of our fallen brethren and support the great deeds of BOLD throughout the year. BOLD is working tirelessly to give these kids a little bit of normal back after losing a parent in a motorcycle accident. Let's all get BOLD and show them we care.



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They've been doing this a while, so no kinks to work out, plenty of fun to be had, money to be won, cool gear to buy and you can be sure there are plenty of old friends to catch up with. There's a 50-mile and 130-mile Poker Run, with a Grand Prize grab of \$2,000. The Parade through downtown brings out the freaks and the locals so bring your special leathers, but the big fun is happening at the Field Events and the Bike Show.

For the music lovers, we heard they've got you covered too (and not Gary Nobody who learned guitar last week). This year's line-up has Mustang Sally on Friday and Joe Nichols on Saturday; both are fun and super-talented acts to check out. Be sure to get your gear, replacement tees or Christmas gifts at the Vendor Mall. It's all indoors and offers that break from the heat and sun. Open Thursday-Saturday, there are plenty of special deals to be found. Don't go home before you see the Closing Ceremonies Saturday night. Held as a tribute to our Military service, "Freedom isn't Free" is always the theme. It's okay if you shed a few tears - you won't be alone.

Passes are \$35 for Rally Only or \$50 All Access (which are worth the extra \$15), and you can get all your pass stuff sorted at www.thehotspringsrally.com. They've got lots of info on lodging, vendors and event details as well. Be safe.



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As we all know, there are still troops still serving overseas, and many have returned in need of help with physical and mental treatments. We all have to do all we can to keep the promise alive that we support them in any way possible.

One such event that really caught our attention is the 2016 Annual Veterans Awareness Celebration and Giant Flag Retirement Ceremony happening at Firelake Arena in Shawnee August 20 at 2 p.m. Color Guards from all over the state will be there as will many MCs from not only Oklahoma but all of our neighboring states, showing their support of those still serving and paying tribute to those who paid the ultimate price to protect our freedom. The Oklahoma National Guard will play TAPS, there will be a moment of silence and a moment of prayer to honor them all.

There's more than solemn moments in silent contemplation; this is also a day to celebrate. And there's no better (and bigger) way to get excited than finding

Elvis in the building. Bet you didn't know he's been hiding out in the Sooner State did you? We have it on good authority that he's come out of hiding for a one-time engagement at this special event. In addition to Elvis, they'll have a classic Chevy Show, Native drumming and dancing and we have to tell you that it's FREE to attend.

They also plan to pay homage to emergency responders; law enforcement, paramedics, firefighters, and anyone who risks life and limb to help others will be honored during this one-day event. Firelake Arena is a beautiful place to visit with plenty of nearby places to stay and restaurants to try. As the Celebration gets closer, they will have more details, but at present, organizers are planning on giving out a discount card for local businesses to all attendees, they've invited a former heavyweight MMA Freestyle Cage Fighter and they've got plenty of other surprises planned so check in with our blog as the date gets closer for more details.

Please come out August 20 and give your troops and emergency responders the tribute they deserve. Just be safe getting

there and getting home! For more information, call Roy Wano at (405) 886-1557 or at roywano@neraflag.org.

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EL RIO VERDE Shines Bright

Seriously, you sometimes find the best local jewels in the craziest places. El Rio Verde Mexican restaurant is one of them. Located in Tulsa, at Trenton and Admiral Place is not where I'd expect a Mexican diner. As we pulled up and saw the security guard parked in front, I had second thoughts about parking my bike, but hey, I got insurance on it so WTH (heck).

I have noticed that these little hole in the wall joints located near industrial areas are some of the best priced and most flavorful joints around, and I'm sure that they are as busy around lunch time as they are on a Saturday night. This jewel is, for sure, one of the cleanest and friendliest restaurants I've visited, and I felt comfortable with the motif and the volume of the music in the background was nice as well.



Established in 1998, and still a thriving business with numerous awards posted on the walls, the "wet burrito" on the menu apparently put them on the map. We had this HUGE burrito and their Bistec Ranchero, both were amazing and large enough to fill your belly with delicious sustenance. I'd recommend this place for a quick lunch or dinner ride before any event, work or play. Authentic Mexican, seriously good and seriously priced to please. Stop in and tell them you heard about it right here, from Two Tone Biker.

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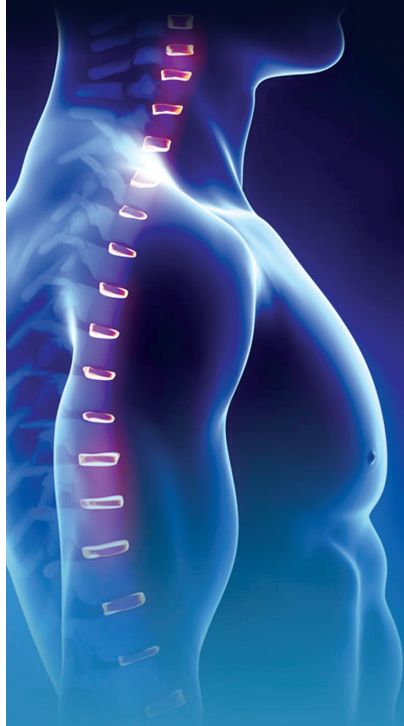
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It's **"BLACKHAWK UP"** for families of **Okie Soldiers**

If you check in with oklahomabiker.net, you may have seen a teaser for Thunderbird AAAA Stars and Stripes Motorcycle Poker Run (Army Aviation Association of America) whose goal is to help Oklahoma families of soldiers with education, going away ceremonies or help to pay for annual military balls. This group of military guys and gals works real hard to raise funds for their sisters and brothers in arms' families through fundraisers, but the Poker Run they are planning is in a league of its own. And you NEED to be there.

Now, we gotta tell you this is a Poker Run. On steroids. For \$25 per rider, \$20 per passenger (or an extra hand), you could win more than the pot. You could win an hour ride in a Blackhawk helicopter! Your eyes aren't going, your brain is fine, you read it right. AAAA is going to give you the gift of TWO lifetimes; a nice long hour ride in one of their awesome Blackhawk Helicopters! You don't have to remove organs or sell your spouse into slavery (unless you wanna). All you have to do is enjoy your bike, play some poker, make some friends and have day you'll always remember.

You might think that if you don't win big all is lost, and that's yet again where we have to correct your thinking. They decided that they want you to love their Poker Run to the point of obsessing, so everyone who comes in second place gets to take a riding tour of the Drillers Stadium baseball diamond ON THEIR BIKE! Inside the stadium! You don't have to bring bolt cutters or your bondsman's card, just stay upright. And smile.

They want you to know that there will be time to take pics with the Blackhawk (with your ride!) before you start the Run, all of the money raised will go to the charity and it will stay in Oklahoma. There are other chances for you play because they have a golf tournament and a 5K each year (we are pretty curious about what they give away at those fundraisers....)

Ready to ride? Plenty of details on their ad, on their Facebook page (Thunderbird AAAA Stars and Stripes Motorcycle Poker Run) or call Donnie Eldridge if you would like to be a sponsor (\$1,000 gets you a ride in the Blackhawk GUARANTEED!) at 918-852-8349. The Poker Run happens July 9: you start out from Oklahoma National Guard Armory in Tulsa (sign-in starts 7:30 a.m., first bike out 10:30), you have five stops and finish the day at Drillers Stadium at 5 p.m. where you line-up, take a ride around the diamond and wave to your adoring fans. A few sponsorships are still available, but time is ticking (see ad, page 11).

'Play Ball!' (Or is it 'Drop and give me 50!'? 'Hoo-Rah'?).



It's gonna be **BIG EVERYTHING** at **BIG JIM'S RALLY**

If you've ever been to Tahlequah, then you know that the longer you are there, the more you notice that it's a pretty cool little town to hang out in. No one judges you, the people are nice and it's the kind of place that makes for a good long weekend getaway.

We've found the perfect excuse to extend your Tahlequah stay, so get your vacation request filled out, find a pet sitter and grab your backpack because Big Jim's Rally August 19-20 has plenty of lead-up things for you to see, eat, drink and do.

The entire tribute to Tahlequah's own Big Jim Gilliam should probably start with who he was. Big Jim ran an open air market for almost 30 years in what is now Norris Park; he sold ice cream, watermelon, lumber, plants, fish and Christmas trees. The whole point of honoring his legacy is to pay homage to Oklahoma's roots. Celebrating Jim Gilliam's life is to celebrate our Okie heritage. And that is what being part of the MC life is all about.

Event organizer, Drew Haley gave us the inside scoop on some of the special things they've planned for this year, the biggest one being the live music. This

year's main event is Turkey Mountain Troubadours playing Aug. 20 at 8 p.m. If any of you recall the 'Quah back in the 70's, you might recall the Troubadours playing at the Squeeze Inn. Yep, the one and the same band from days gone by will be back in town to play just for you. This is their FINAL farewell concert, so that alone makes this rally worth your time. There will also be music by Wild Card, the Vox Squadron, Doc Fell & Co and Goodfella. There's no charge to enjoy any of the bands.

One of the most exciting events is turtle MMA death cage boxing; two turtles enter, two come out, they're slow so none die, it's about the ferocity. No, no turtles are fighting, call off PETA, but they do need exercise, so how about we race them instead? Even if you don't own a turtle, you can 'rent' one on race day (or BYOT). It costs \$10 to enter and the winner can win a cool \$50. It's a real blast (and pretty funny), so come cheer your favorite reptilian competitor.

When we asked Drew what the biggest event was, he said the Friday Night Cruise, (running at 7 p.m. thru 10 p.m.) tops the list. Any time you can take a leisurely ride down Muskogee Ave or Downing St, while people stand on the sidelines drooling over your ride is a win in our books. 'Nuff said. (Maybe you should get some TURTLE Wax? Sorry, couldn't resist)

Now, we have to mention the 'Quah itself. While so many downtowns in our little US of A are boarded up dust bunny and tumbleweed havens, Tahlequah stands





as proof that a downtown doesn't have to dry up and blow away, nor does it have to be a hotbed of crime and ugly. There are so many shops open all year that have all kinds of kitschy goodies to buy, restaurants with foods to fit every mood and taste and if you have that shopping mall allergy (and most bikers have it), Big Jim's Rally is selling commemorative tee-shirts, but there will be other vendors with plenty of good stuff for sale so you can get your Christmas list knocked out in no time all while drinking a beer, hanging with friends and keeping an eye on your beautiful bike the whole time. And you never have to step foot in a mall! Whew, no Benadryl needed.

One of the big draws for the Rally is something people come to town to do all year long - RIDE. The different 'Rides' outlined on Big Jim's Website offer plenty of choices; you can choose a long one, short one, educational, or just ride to be in your head. Stop for lunch, pictures or just keep riding. There are all kinds of options, maps (with points of interest)



and alternative routes. If this is your first homage to Big Jim, we strongly recommend you come early and spend a day riding one or two routes before the Rally begins before summer says goodbye. There are plenty of places to stay in and around Tahlequah no matter your lodging preferences or budget. Same goes for food and restaurants.

There are plenty of options with contact info at www.bigjimsrally.com. If you have questions, you can also contact Tahlequah Mainstreet at (918) 431-1655.

Touring beyond Tahlequah

What better way to take the heat off than to get away from the crowds and noise by going for a ride? Tahlequah holds a special place in our hearts here at OKB, but so does getting away from it, so we're gonna give you ride info offered by Big Jim's Rally.

1. Hwy 10 Ride: If you take US 62 east, then make a left onto route 10 jst past the city, you'll find yourself riding alongside the Illinois River and the views are just awe inspiring. The roads twist through Scaper, Moodys, Chewey and drops you out onto US 412 in Kansas, OK where you'll go east to Siloam Springs. You can choose to have a buffet lunch at the casino, or just take US 59 (OK) south past Watts then make a left in Westville onto US 62. US 62 will wind you around and eventually bring you back to Tahlequah. If you prefer, you can also backtrack onto US 412 from the Casino and drop down Hwy 10.

2. The Outlaw: We are gonna suggest that if you are a history buff, you try this Ride, because it is pretty cool. You'll get the chance to learn fact from fiction about outlaws from days gone by;

Pretty Boy Floyd, Ned Christie and Belle Starr all get starring roles. The 'Outlaw' takes you east on 62, south from Tahlequah to Tenkiller, throws you onto 100 west, then meanders the Lake Tenkiller towns, turning back north toward Braggs, west to Fort Gibson, then NE toward Hulbert and drops you back into Tahlequah. Lake views offered too.

3. The Red Fern Ride: This ride offers different lengths for you to decide on as well as lodging, food or float trips to check out. You can tour the choices and come back another day or drop off at the spot that speaks to you. Your trip starts in Tahlequah, goes east on 62 where you can turn left onto Route 10 or stay on 62 taking it almost to the Arkansas line. A third option is to use 82 north, veer off on 82A, tour Moody's, Oaks, then jump on US 412 and highway it into Siloam Springs. If you want to see lots of little towns or can't make up your mind on where you want to venture, this one might be good. A big bonus is that there are lots of places where the book and movie *Where the Red Fern Grows* are based on. It's a great ride for foodies and those who like a hot shower and meal after a long day of riding.

4. Baron Fork/Lake Tenkiller Ride: While this ride might not give you lots of stops, who cares? The views are

great no matter where you look, you can find plenty of places to grab some grub, and any local will be able to recommend a spot for hot water and some shuteye. You go south out of town on Park Hill Road, hit 100 east, drop down 82 south and ride around the lake, returning north on Route 10. Soda Steve's at Fin and Feather on the west side is a great place, as is Big Daddy's on the south side of the Lake. Both are biker-friendly and they'll treat you right. Your ride wraps up on Indian Road to 82 north in Keys then you will be back on 62 on the south side of Tahlequah.

5. Lost City Ride: If you are looking for a little adventure, the Lost City Ride might be it. Starting at the Rally, you'll hit 51 west out of town, veer north and stop at Clear Creek Monastery (if you want), or you can keep going north through Peggs on 82, a short jaunt on alt 412, then drop down N370 where you can detour to Spring Creek or loop around and eventually be dropped back onto 82 where you can come on back to Big Jim's via 82, which will drop you back into the north side of town.

You need to know that all roads are paved (no dirt or gravel) and there are many biker-friendly businesses in and around Tahlequah that will happily serve you, provided you are nice to them (and you don't use profanity in their establishments). Be safe, watch your speeds in the smaller little hamlets (some make their money from speed traps) and please don't drink and ride. We want you to be back for next year's Big Jim Rally.

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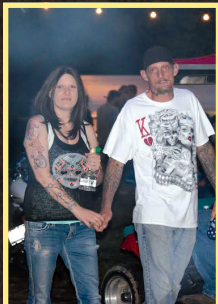
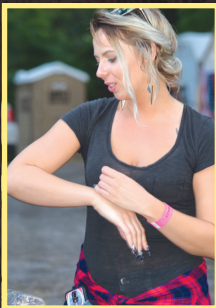
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These are the ones you need. I made a few calls and asked some friends and Brothers what they thought and this is the list of patches that keep coming up and what they mean to us when we see them on your new shiny vest.

DILLIGAF - Yes, you probably do. I bet you even recycle and have never torn a tag off a pillow. This was the # 1 patch for a starter vest. All but one person

surveyed picked this as numero uno!

Ride to Live, Live to Ride - No you don't and I bet your odometer says you don't either!

Ride Free - I bet you don't, I bet you have a huge-ass payment on your bike and it's not leaving the garage without your wife's permission and if you bought it thru Harley, you're getting your lunch ate on interest.

Old School - No you're not, and you wouldn't know it if it hit you in your face.

Loud pipes save lives - no they don't. They just make sure that everyone looks at you when you ride by. Putting your cell phone down and paying attention to what you're doing saves lives.

Hard Core - Who are you trying to convince of this? This screams "I'm a punk but I want you to think I'm a bad ass"

Bad ASS - If you're wearing this patch, you're probably a bitch! You just think you're tough.

Independent - Nobody will take you or wants you.

FTW - Financed the wish! I bet you say this a lot around the water cooler to show the guys from accounting how bad you are.

Anything in a diamond - These will get you punched in the face, but you thought they looked bad ass, so along with your fake ass, not earned diamond, get you a banana rocker for the front of your vest to round out your Sons Of Anarchy "wanna be" vest.

Anything in a Rocker - same as above.

Lone Wolf, No Club - these just scream "I want to look like I'm in a club" but I'm not, or I can't, or I won't, but I damn sure look like I do.

BITCH - I bet you are.....

I rode mine to Sturgis/Daytona - I think it would be too embarrassing to wear one that says "I hauled mine on a trailer"

The Bitch fell off - I'm more inclined to believe she jumped off.....

I ride my own - No one will take me!

Classy Bitch - I doubt it.

And last but damn sure not least,

Veteran - Thank you for your service.

So in closing, if you feel the need to wear a vest, try to not show people that you bought a bunch of patches and put them on your Starter vest, Really, you're not fooling anyone but another fool.

Ride 'em if you're not afraid to get 'em dirty!

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