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TALKIN TRASH

May is **Motorcycle Awareness**

Month. As I sit writing this I am thinking, "Shouldn't March and April and June and July be Motorcycle Awareness Months also? And what about all those other months as well?"

I heard on the news awhile ago two motorcycles went down in Oklahoma today. There would probably be more crashes reported on Facebook too, if I could stand to get on there and look.

The citizenry of Oklahoma cannot blame sand for being on the roads this year causing crashes. It is just inattentive driving (and cell phones) causing these problems so early in the year. Oklahoma bikers, you know how many loved ones we have lost over the years. Please watch out for the cagers, because you know they are NOT watching out for you.

There is something else killing those I love. Oklahoma is in the throes of a prescription drug epidemic. I know many people currently being prescribed pain medication for various claimed illnesses. Some on them undoubtedly need it - others surely do not.

I'm concerned by addiction's pervasiveness in my community. After spending more than two years in a drug and alcohol program, one of my brothers recently returned home. He straightaway began searching for a doctor who would prescribe him narcotics. Now this isn't his first rodeo; he has been to rehab several times, and the ambulance has visited his home more than once when he was comatose from taking too many pills. His medical records should have "*prescription drug abuse*" written all over them in red!

It doesn't take him long to locate a "Pill Mill"

(Axis). Apparently, they do not check a person's medical history, because without hesitation they start writing my brother prescriptions for valium and painkillers. Of course, he takes all of the pills within two or three days, and is basically comatose until he runs out of pills. Now I am not saying he does not suffer from pain. However, if he takes all the pills in three days and remains without them for the next 25 to 27 days, why can't he remain without them the other three days? Just sayin'.

I believe the only way to fight this type of problem is to initiate legal proceedings against the manufacturers of narcotics and the clinics who prescribe them unnecessarily. Given the remarkably growing number of prescription drug-induced deaths across Oklahoma, the need for legal investigation into their distribution is crucial. If the clinics and/or drug companies are found guilty of wrongdoing, the consequences should be enormous, including lawsuits from grieving families who lost loved ones because of negligent dispersal of prescription drugs. Suing the clinics and drug manufacturers could be the critical first step in turning Oklahoma's pill popping fortunes around.

The Janitor



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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.”

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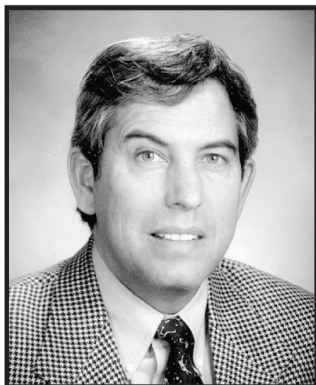


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Iron Thunder MC is a non-profit organization that gives back to the local community. With the monies raised through the **5 State Run**, **Iron Thunder MC** has helped local families with medical expenses and devices,

house fires and have even helped families with funeral expenses. With the growth of the Run, they have been able to help hundreds of families and individuals over the past fifteen years.

The run cost \$45 which includes a BBQ dinner, poker hand, patch and rocker. Dinner is catered by **Guymon's** very own Hunny's BBQ. There will be ribs, pulled pork and sausage along with all the fixins. Meal will be served at 5pm on Saturday. You can learn more about this event at 580.461.7792 or go to their website at www.fivestaterun.com or on Facebook.



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Bedouin Shrine Poker Run rolls through Muskogee

By The Janitor



Each June the **Bedouin Shriners** in **Muskogee** holds the **Bedouin Shrine Poker Run** to help raise money to transport children to the **Shriners Hospitals for Children**.

The Shriners Hospitals is a network of 22 non-profit medical facilities across North America. Children with orthopedic conditions, burns, spinal cord injuries, and cleft lip and palate are eligible for care and receive all services in a family-centered environment, regardless of the patients' ability to pay.

As if coming out and helping the Bedouin

Shriners in their effort to raise money to help sick and injured children isn't enough — the poker run offers a payout of more than \$4000 in cash and prizes. The stops for this year's Poker Run will be **CJ's Country Bar, Cookson Village, The Hideaway Bar and Grill, and Jamesville Y Bar** (say hi to Clint for us!). Folks, this is a beautiful scenic ride across Cherokee and Muskogee Counties and up around Lake Tenkiller. If you haven't ridden this ride in the past you are in for an awesome time!

The ride starts and ends at the Bedouin Shrine Temple located at 201 S. 6th in Muskogee. Registration is from 9-11 a.m. with last bike in at 5:30 p.m. Cash and prizes will be awarded beginning



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at 6 p.m. The band Triple Threat will be playing live music, with plenty of food and ice cold beer served at the end of the ride.

This year's main sponsors include Budweiser, Central Mortar, the Greater Muskogee Chamber of Commerce and Tourism, and *Oklahoma Biker Ragazine*.



A graphic with a black background. At the top, the words "BROTHER TO BROTHER" are written in a stylized, red, outlined font, set against a white background with a black border and small white stars. Below this, the words "LIFE BEHIND BARS" are written in a white, distressed font, with a white silhouette of a person's torso and arms raised in the center. At the bottom, a red banner contains the text "NEED TO TALK ?" in white, followed by "TEXT PREACHER DENNIS 918-557-6149" in white.

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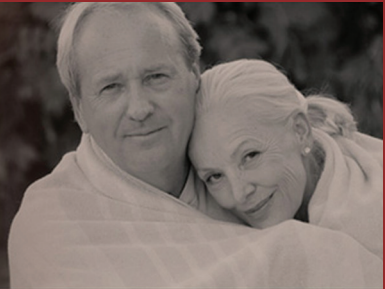
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Let's get ready to RRRiverwalk!

By Amy Addams & AVMC



It's that special time in a biker's life when the leaves are green, the flowers are in bloom and you don't have to ride that 'sickle with your mittens on, so that must mean it's time for the **FOURTH Annual Riverwalk Rally!** This year is bigger than ever.

First, the 'Why' of this event. **American Veterans MC (AVMC)** is 90% war veteran members. They take the commitment to their brothers and sisters in arms very seriously. And while our new administration has promised to help our vets, it hasn't happened yet. **Sandy Oxford** at **Tulsa Vet Center (TVC)** gave some insight about some of the people she helps (get some tissues):

"For any of us, some days can be tougher than others and even little things seem overwhelming, but too many of our military veterans face much bigger daily challenges: What about that veteran living in his car AND he has no food or personal hygiene items? How about a 76-year-old veteran who has worked his entire life, never asked for anything, but his retirement just doesn't stretch as far as it used to and he finds himself job-hunting for part-time work just to

afford his medications, food and other basic needs? Or the young single dad, with two wonderful boys, who gets laid-off because the days he takes chemo for a brain tumor makes him unable to function but his VA claim is still pending? How about the vet who had to take several days of unpaid leave this month because his wife is extremely ill and can't care for their two small children?"

To return to the U.S. and find your benefits held up is enough to make anyone lose hope. **Sandy Oxford** and her band of military angels are battling the darkness vets face every day. The **TVC** staff go out into the streets (literally) and help so many get back some normal. They find vets help with PTSD, and help them with housing and jobs. Given that 22 veterans still commit suicide daily nationwide, their jobs are more of a calling.



AVMC is asking for you to come out for an evening of fun, food and affordable beers to help them help our veterans. You don't have to hire a sitter or spend big amounts of money. You do NOT have to be a biker or empty your 401K. They'll have dinners for \$5, you can buy

a few stogies at the Cigar Box, make some new friends (bring some old ones with you – everybody's welcome) and you get a chance to check out the new golf bar; **The Flying Tee**. Check the **Riverwalk Rally Ad** for more info on times and what they're up to. Bring some dollars to shop businesses at the Riverwalk and vendors will have goodies for sale as well. We'll have updates on our website.

New for 2017: they have a Kid Zone, so pack the kids and the spouse and make a night of it. Be a hero without breaking the bank.

If you were able to read this article without fear of a militant dictator shooting you, thank a veteran.

Psssst, hey, wanna give big? **AVMC** has some sponsorships left! For \$250,

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By Shaun Perkins

MUSKOGEE - The Okie from Muskogee is no longer with us, but his sons are carrying his torch. **Ben and Noel Haggard and the Strangers** will be one of the musical acts at this year's G Fest, June 15-17 at Hatbox Field.

The lineup of rock, country, Americana and red dirt bands for the second annual G-Fest is a little hard to believe. It is that good.

Kentucky Headhunters. Swon Brothers. John Fullbright. Nitty Gritty Dirt Band. Those are only a few of the great musical acts coming your way on four stages at this unique event.

Saturday night headliner **Creedence Clearwater Revisited** includes founding members of CCR, **Stu Cook** and **Doug "Cosmo" Clifford**, who were recently inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.

G Fest (Muskogee is "The Gee") was partly made possible by the work of **Jim Blair**, executive director of the **Oklahoma Music Hall of Fame** in Muskogee.

"What makes G Fest special - aside from taking place on an abandoned air strip, and Oklahoma's rich music history - is that there's something for everyone. Music lovers will find a little bit of everything from bluegrass to country, rock to folk and even **EDM** [electronic dance music] this year," Blair told *The Current Buzz*.



Though the line-up for the event is full of nationally-known artists, Oklahoma artists and bands will also be featured, as a special call was made for them.

Oklahoma favorite **Mike Hosty** will be on stage as his popular one-man band, playing drums with his feet, guitar and singing, while playing the harmonica. Hosty says he has a "huge underground following of bikers, sorority gals, hippies and truckers."

Camping is available in both a primitive campground with showers for \$80 and at an RV campsite with electric and water for \$325.

Options for tickets include VIP reserved seats, which guarantee seats closest to the stage and other perks. General admission tickets are \$89 for the whole event, and VIP seats are \$299.

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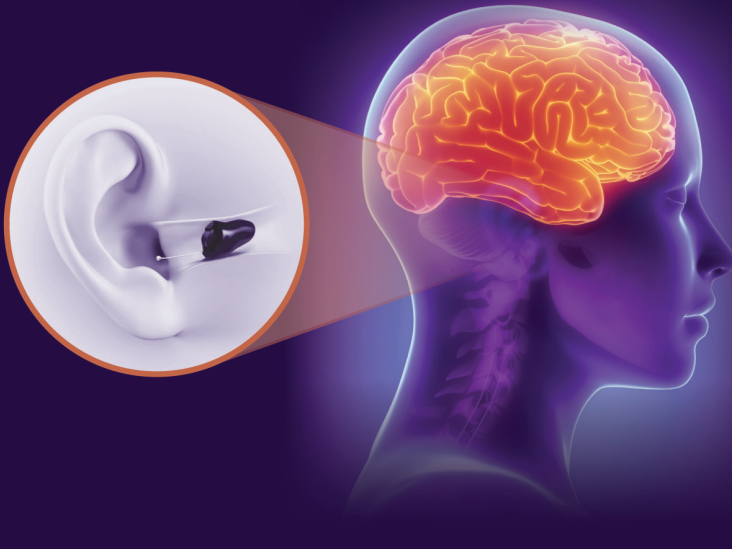
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Oaks Leach Fire Run helps restock fire station

By Cheri Pogue



OAKS, Okla. – On December 27, 2016, a tragedy occurred which impacted many lives. Two very selfish people broke into the **Leach Volunteer Fire Department** and took the town's only fire truck. The thieves then used the stolen fire truck as a wrecking ball to enter the Oaks volunteer fire department, taking their truck as well.

After an all-night joyride, the thieves left both trucks stripped and destroyed. The uninsured equipment and supplies were either missing or unusable, including the \$30,000 "Jaws of Life." These were items that the firefighters and town had purchased out of their own pockets.

Nothing stopped Leach fire fighter **Mike Russell** from doing his best to aid in the call of duty. In February of this year he was servicing a call in the tanker truck. The fog was thick and visibility low. After misjudging the road, the truck flipped and rolled down a ravine costing this heroic firefighter his life.

Randall Sullateskee has been a Leach Volunteer Firefighter for more than 10 years. He wants to honor Russell by replacing the fire station's needs. On May

27, Sullateskee will host a fire station recovery run. Registration for the run begins at 10 a.m. at 5791 U.S. HWY 412 and will end at 2 p.m. in Oaks. A ticket will be given at each stop to win 1 of 2 free night's stay at the Cherokee Casino along with \$60 in free play. Poker hands are \$20 for the first hand and \$10 for additional hands. The best hand has a chance to win up to \$2,000! Gatortailz will be having a raffle and selling hotdogs, donating their proceeds as well.

Check out 'Oaks Leach Fire Run' on Facebook for updates or contact Randall at (918) 868-4463 for complete information.



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This just in... **CANCER SUCKS!**

By Ben White

TULSA, Okla. – May 12-13 marks the 14th annual **Handlebars and Hotrods**, car/bike show and poker run, this year at Expo Square. **CANCER SUCKS!** reached a monumental milestone in March, donating over \$900,000 to several cancer research foundations. This event will, likely, be the biggest and most nostalgic for its time.

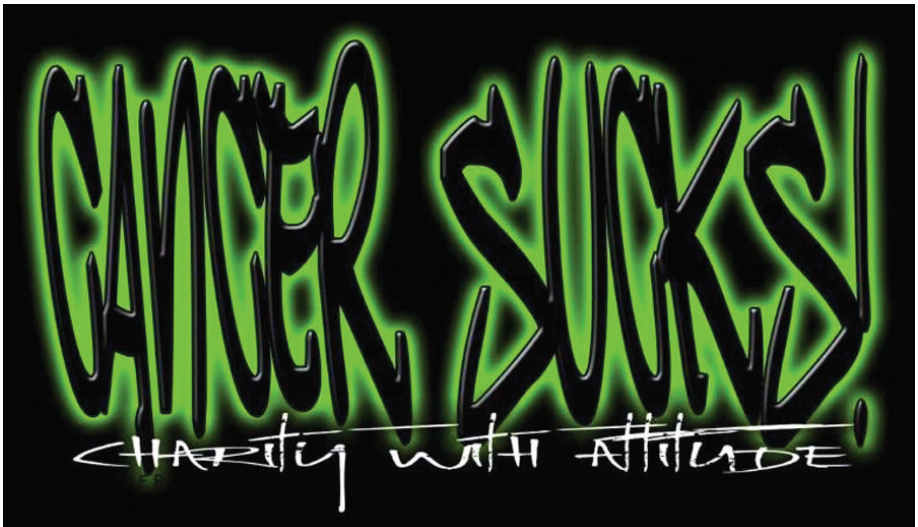
The even includes an indoor/outdoor bike and car show, poker run, sponsoring vendors, Spaded and Jaded 24-hour tattoo marathon, \$50 tattoos, and free t-shirts for the first 200 registered at www.cancersucks.com.

This is a great and sincere nonprofit organization which has surpassed its notoriety and collaborated exceptionally with the biking community and cancer treatment organizations, in order to reach a common goal... kick cancer's ass!

Rick Horton started **CANCER**

SUCKS after losing his mother 20 years ago. This nonprofit is a strong example of how, people come together with the same mission, and through adequate generosity and kindness, can make a huge difference in the lives of those who need it most.

Donations, apparel, corporate partnerships, volunteer work, and events can be found at www.cancersucks.com. Don't miss this great opportunity to give back to the community and enrich the lives of your fellow man.



Sparks America Bike Week bringing back old faves (and new Roberts) by the dozens... so what are you waiting for?

By Amy Addams



"Yeah, remember when you <insert the many crazy things you'll do here?>" "That was hilarious."

Sparks America is ready to rock your world with **Bike Week 2017**. It's only <insert number of miles> and only takes <insert amount of time> to get there. Makes for the perfect getaway. You can enjoy the whole event without needing extra days off for travel.

If you're being REALLY honest with yourself, do you spend day after day chasing the almighty dollar? Do you miss the days when you hopped on your bike and disappeared? And came back feeling like a new person? We got your good times. Keep reading...

We are going to help you find your "happy <your name here>". Follow the instructions and make 2017 the year you talk about for years to come. "Remember when we went to Bike Week in 2017?"

This year's Bike Week promises plenty of the expected good times as in years' past and some NEW for 2017. The costume parties happen June 16-23; Viking, Hippie, Gods and Goddesses, 1980 Dance Party, Men in Lingerie and Naughty School Girl; two nights have no theme, so get your <fave costume> for one and <another costume> out of storage. BUT, if you want a HUGE laugh, Sparks is hosting a 'Dress like Robert Butler' night on June 24, so pack your overalls and fishing hat and get ready to laugh.



Get your old lady practicing her pole dancing moves, 'cuz there's a Pole Dance Competition, with the winner riding away \$1,000 richer. Make sure you have her pack that <insert hottest skimpy outfit your woman has> to help her chances to win. First 100 women who register will be allowed to compete. Are you a man not pretty enough to pole dance? Sparks ain't hatin'; get in on the Biker Rally Challenge and you get your own \$1,000 (bring a

second and get the Full Party Pass). Is your bike also slow or broke down? You get one more shot at a \$1,000 if you can get in on the Battle of the Bands. Can't play music either? You get to be in the audience and be glad you have friends.

We gotta remind you that getting there early gets you some free beer, they may have a cabin or two left and there'll be live music, bike and people games, food, vendors selling cool stuff you didn't know you needed and a BIKE SHOW! Think of the bragging rights if you win! Oh, and the big deal: \$1 BUDWEISERS! Ooooh yeah. A BUCK a BUD? If that don't get your butt out to Spark's, we give up.

Best part of all is that we've given you only some of the awesome you'll experience at Spark's Bike Week. But you gotta be there to get in on it. Pre-registration closes June 9, so get that registration

form in to Spark's, get your vacation request in to the boss (or flip him off and quit).

Some little rules: you must be 21 to attend, no glass containers of any kind, leave all cranky or whiney people at home. They've got free hot showers and tent spaces if you need to vacay with tiny pay. Simple, right?

It's happening June 15-25. Check in with www.sparkamericacampgrounds.com for more, or call (918) 866-2543 with questions. Interested in the pole dancing competition? Call to register. Now.

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Flat track fun at OKC Mile

By Kari Huskey



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The OKC Mile is a motorcycle race that is different than motocross as it is played out on a flat dirt track. Flat track is considered one of Americas oldest extreme sports dating back to the 1920s primarily running on an oval dirt track going counter clock wise, the bikes are purposefully built for turning left.

For the Oklahoma City event, approximately 100 professional racers will compete in preliminaries during the day to determine their placement into the night program. As a spectator, the event is super exciting and intense as this racing is very fast paced with speeds sometimes reaching 100 – 120 m.p.h.!

Motorcycle enthusiasts from all over will be drawn to this sport with the powerful rivalry between manufacture Honda,

Yamaha, Kawasaki, Ducati, Harley Davidson, Indian, KTM and Triumph apparent all throughout this event. You will even see more cool bikes at the **Vintage Bike Show!**

Starting at 2 p.m. there will be activities for all ages at the Chickasaw Country Fan Zone indoor and outdoor area with activities for all ages including fun stuff for the kiddos like bounce houses, face painting and more. From 5-6:30 p.m. you can enjoy Open Paddock, which allows the fans to access the Pro Pits to meet the riders in person...they will have t-shirts and posters, and the fans can take pictures and meet their favorite professional riders. At 6:30 p.m. sharp Opening Ceremonies start and then at 7 p.m. racing begins!

Advance tickets to OKC Mile are available now for \$35, or snag 'em day-of for \$42. Children aged 12 and younger are admitted free with a paid adult.

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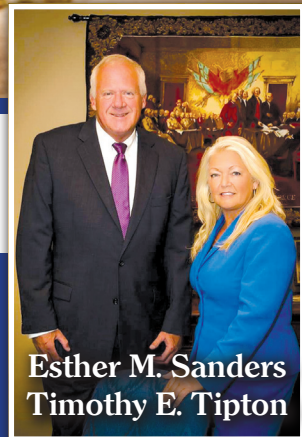
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Ride the hills to Spavinaw's Copperhead Run Rally

By Tank



Mark your calendars for June 1-4, because it's time again for the **Copperhead Run Rally!**

For those of you who haven't been or never heard of it, shame on you - you're definitely missing out on a fantastic rally! This is truly one of the last old-school, down-to-earth bike rallies left around. I'm glad to see that the owners, **Travis** and **Kamcia Montgomery**, have developed and upgraded this rally each and every year without turning it into a commercialized joke of a "we just want your money" kind of event that most bike runs have turned into.

This is the 10th year of the rally and I can say I've made at least an appearance at every one of them. This is an awesome venue that sprawls out over 200 acres that are nestled in the Spavinaw Hills. From the humble beginnings in 2008, to the present rally, I've seen great improvements and upgrades each and every time I go back. This run has grown at a steady, but sensible pace; they have added RV hook ups, a shower house and indoor bathrooms....yes, real shitters that flush! (You don't have to use a porta john). The bar at the front gate (known to regulars as the "Inside" Bar) has been

around since the beginning and the Burnout Bar was added a few years ago. With 2 bars, there's not much of a wait to get a beverage. Come out early and get your camp site set up. There's plenty of room to throw a tent down on the 35 acres of available tent camping space, and if you're one of those trailer queens they have 55 electrical hook ups for your toy hauler or RV. Once the primo spots are taken, you'll have to drag your own power source.

The fun gets started around 8 p.m. on Thursday, June 1, featuring live entertainment with Kenny Babb playing in the indoor bar and T-3 opening up the festivities outside slinging Blues, Classic Rock and a splash of classic Country at the Burnout Bar. Friday hosts more fun and music and Saturdays' line has the standard issue of bike games through the afternoon hours along with Copperhead's very own "Dirt Drags" (that's right, run what ya brung) and see how your scoot holds up on the sled pull! Saturday night rounds out with more quality entertainment.

The bar is open on the weekends (Friday through Sunday) if you're just out riding and feel the need to have a beer and a break. It's always good to support a place that supports the riding community. Copperhead also host rallies for UTV's/ATV's/side-by-sides or whatever you call those things, and is available to host your event. You can find them and follow them on Facebook @ copperheadrunrally.

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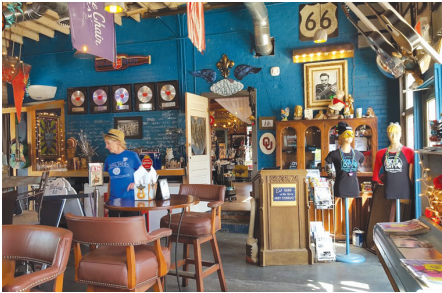
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Soul City on Route 66



Oklahoma is notorious for its remarkable restaurants, ranging from swanky to casual. And while we have many wonderful restaurants along the Route 66 corridor in Oklahoma, there's one that stands out in the Tulsa area. Soul City is housed in an old gas station, and is reminiscent of a place you might find in Haight Ashbury during the 1960's. The eclectic décor makes you wonder if this is an art studio, a jewelry store, or a restaurant and nightclub.



We stopped in for lunch at **Soul City** on an early Saturday afternoon. Cheryl ordered a jerk chicken rice bowl, but it was a too spicy for her because of a health issue she was dealing with at the time. She said it was good, though. I ordered a grilled cheese sandwich with Roasted Red Pepper Gouda soup. The bread was perfectly toasted with lots of melted creamy cheese on the sandwich, and lucky for Cheryl, it was big enough to share with her after she couldn't finish

her rice bowl. Overall the food was very good.



Soul City is an unusual dining and nightlife experience different from any other I have discovered in Tulsa. It encapsulates the heart and soul of Tulsa's music scene as a popular venue for live performances by a litany of Oklahoma's finest musicians. The backyard/patio is perfect for those of us who enjoy sitting outside. By the way, did I tell you **Soul City** has motorsickle parking directly in front of the building?!

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