

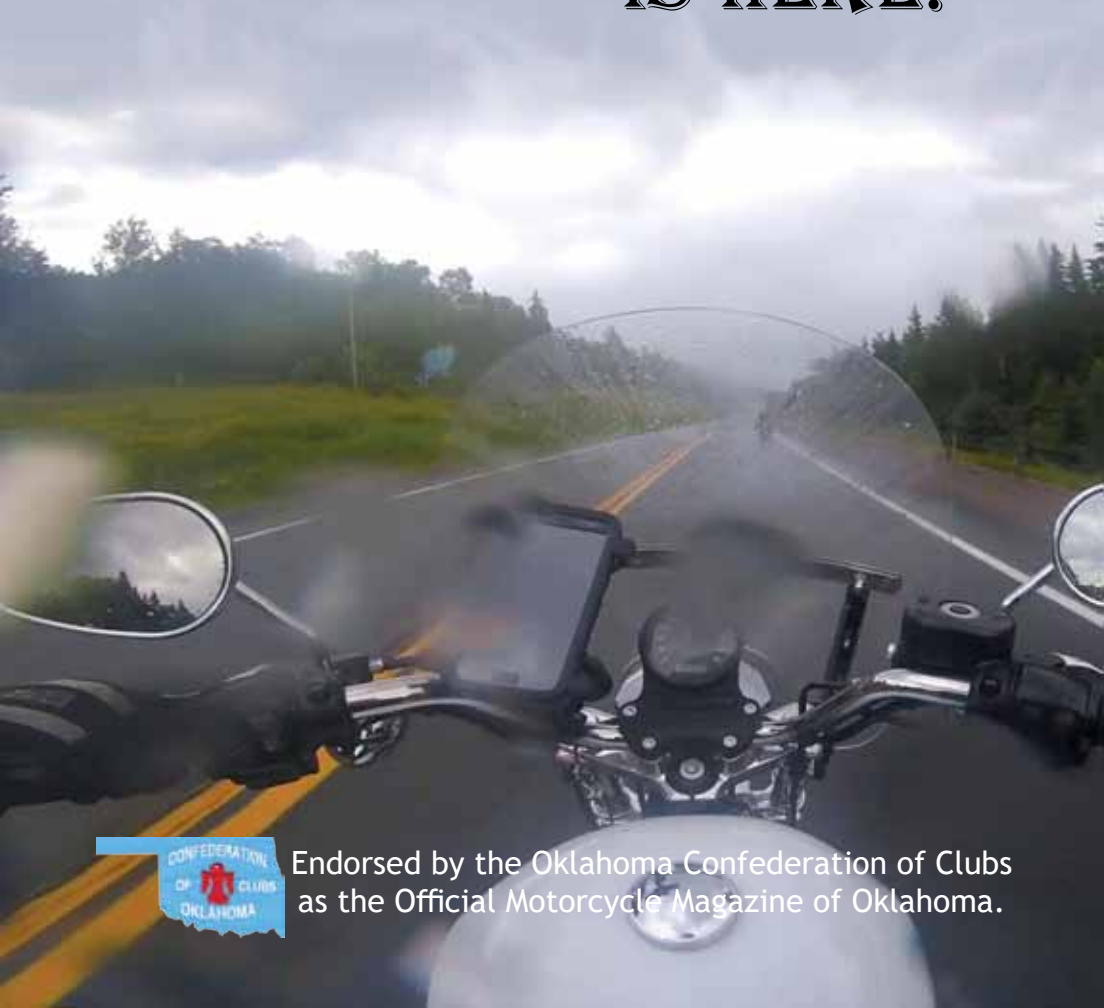
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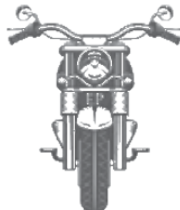
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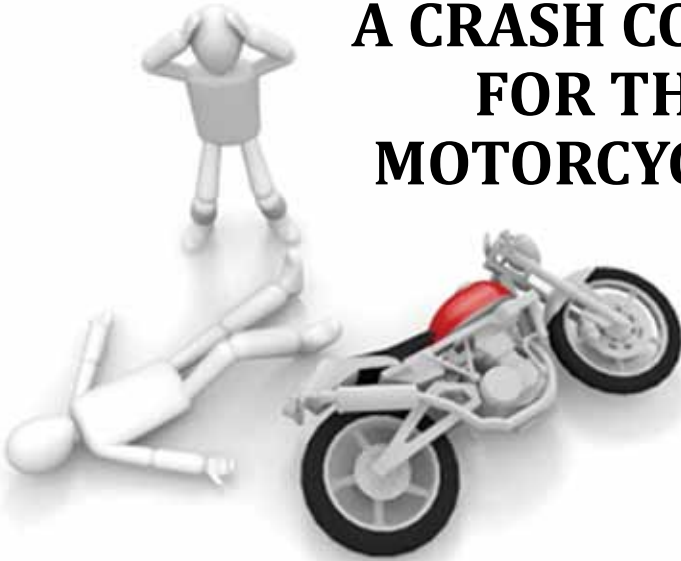
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The course costs \$25 per person, and is limited to 20 students. The course lasts approximately 8 hours, including breaks. Students receive course materials, refreshments, certificate of completion (with CEUs), and a patch. At the date of this publication we do not have course location or times. Please go to the oklahomabiker.net website for the latest and greatest

information regarding this course, or call Jana McDonald, of Oklahoma Biker Lawyer (918) 302-3700.

I imagine that most of us who have ridden with brothers or buddies have wondered how we would handle a crash involving someone in our group. Do we leave the injured biker where they lay, or do we move them? Do we leave the helmet on or take it off? Do we place a helmet alongside the road down a ways from the crash site to signal that a biker is down, or is there a better way to let other drivers know that there is an accident up ahead involving the motorcyclist?

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Tulsa ABATE member Art Ryan had nothing but complements to say about the course, which he took several years ago. Art said, "Everyone who rides a motorcycle, or has a loved one who rides, should take this

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OKLAHOMA BIKER began as a print 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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HELMET LAW? (YES, WE'RE SERIOUS)

Where is Joe Cervantez when we need him? Or better yet, we can just use his example to put a stop to this resurrected madness. Folks I am not kidding, State Senator Wayne Shaw from Grove, OK has introduced a change to the existing helmet law, to remove the age stipulation and make helmets mandatory for all Motorcyclist. In my opinion, ABATE needs to take care of this after all it's the first real threat that we have had for a while. I know profiling is an issue, managing the safety funds are an issue, getting shafted on turnpike fees are an issue, and we have a few others. But this is a serious and real threat to every ones freedom! Senate Bill 1582, introduced by Wayne Shaw; "An Act relating to motorcycles; amending 47 O.S. 2011, Section 12-609, which relates to required equipment; modifying certain requirements; and providing an effective date". That was fun to write, I'll bet even more fun to look up and read. Essentially, he is trying to remove the line "under eighteen (18) years



of age" from the existing helmet law. In laymen terms, our current helmet law (yes we have one), only applies to anyone under 18. By removing this line it would apply to everyone across the board. I am not going to enter the debate of helmets being good, safe, saving lives vs break your neck, weight on neck during an incident, etc. Words and statistics can be manipulated to prove just about anything. For me it's a matter of "CHOICE". Now myself for example, when I ride across country, I usually wear my full face helmet, not for safety (never even considered it) but as a matter of comfort (yea you read that right). When I am cruising down the road at the legal max speed (of course) the full face is just like rolling up the windows in your car. Wind noise, road noise gone, blue tooth, playing music in a quiet environment and I

can even answer the phone or make a call. Now on the other hand if I am in town (city traffic) I never wear a lid. I want to see and hear everything to help keep me safe. And if I am riding across country, and it's over 100 degrees, my helmet is not on my head, it's just too hot! All of the things I just mentioned is MY choice, yours may be different, none of my business. Not everyone's idea of safety is the same, helmets are a personal choice. Let's keep it that way for adults. To help, join ABATE (or any group of your choice), get involved call or write your Senator and Representative, remember the squeaky wheel gets the grease! A piece of free advice, when communicating with politicians, "BE NICE", being mean and nasty or trying to intimidate a politician will do more harm than good! Now folks I am going to write an exaggeration, a kind of parody to make a point, not to be taken seriously. Now let's just say for argument, the politicians decide we gotta wear helmets, cause they know what's best for us, and the deaths and/or serious accidents go either up or down (either way works). Then after

a few years politicians (after all they know best) decide that either the helmet law works (so let's do more) or the helmet did not work (more must be done). They decide to outlaw motorcycles in our state, for safety of course.....? Now I don't see this happening, but I do understand politicians, give them an inch and they will take 250 yards, or if they tax you a nickel they will spend a dime. All under the guise that they know what's best! All just need to know and remember the freedom we lose today can affect everyone tomorrow. So, "let those who ride decide"!

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LET THOSE WHO RIDE DECIDE

The History of Biking: THE ARIEL SQUARE FOUR



Edward Turner in 1928 designed a very unique four cylinder motorcycle engine. It was the square four. Today you might hear the term “square motor”, which refers to an engine with the same cylinder bore diameter, as the length of stroke (as in 4” bore and 4” stroke). That was not the case with this square four design; it was designed with 4 cylinders configured in a perfect square. I bet a bunch of mechanics out there are scratching their heads sayin’ ain’t no way. Well, you can do it (as they did) with the use of 2 separate crankshafts geared together internally, with a single block and a single head. BSA declined the

concept; however Ariel went for it in 1931 and used it with some success thru 1959. Although popular in Europe, it never caught on here in the U.S. The bike looked good (for its time) and performed well. You can also tell from the picture, it had somewhat of a rear suspension (kind of ahead of its time). A four speed transmission which was pretty standard equipment at the time. Also standard (for a limey) shifter on the right and rear brake on the left. It started out as a 500cc engine, but was beefed up through the years, and ended as a 997cc powerplant. Has anyone figured out what was wrong with this design (other than

the number of moving parts)? Well its enemy was heat! After all it was air cooled, how was any air supposed to reach the rear cylinders? Apparently that fact got lost in translation (or engineering). Even though these bad boys ate up rear cylinders like a wild boar eatin' acorns, they were still popular in Europe. The cost was not too bad; they sold for £350 in 1959, their last year of production (about \$9000 today). Now this story has a twist, brothers George and Tim Healey were Ariel Square Four enthusiasts who upgraded the 997cc engines for racing. When Ariel closed, the Healy Brothers bought up all the square 4 parts they could find. From 1971-76 Healey used the 1000cc (actually a 997cc) square four engine with few modifications in their Healey branded Motorcycles; basically they added an oil cooler, bigger cams, and a better exhaust. There were only 28 Healey 1000/4's ever built (talk about rare). Healey used a unique frame design (for the time) the down tube from the neck

was a rod that attached to the engine. The engine then mounted at the rear to the transmission cradel, using the engine case as the lower frame. An idea Yamaha used with success on their Virago's. Now remember the Healey's were racers, their design of a 1000cc bike weighed about the same as a 250cc bike of any other brand. Don't know how well it held up, but I'll bet it was fast! The use of bigger cams, a better exhaust system, and bigger carburetors raised the stock horsepower to 52hp. They also supercharged a few, doubling the Horsepower. Can you imagine a bike with 1000cc, over 100hp, and the weight of a 250cc bike? Just the thought of it brings a smile to my face.

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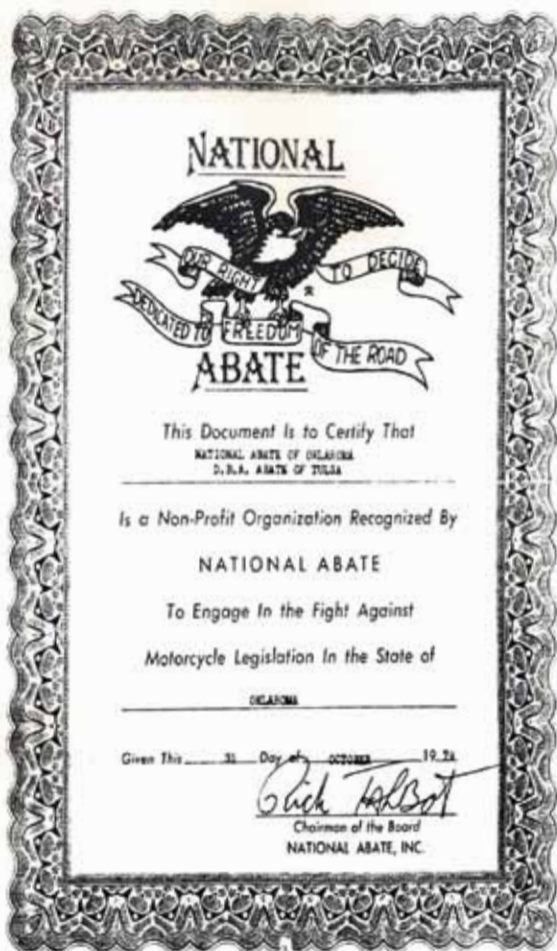
In The Beginning II



Well let's see, we left off last issue at the end of the helmet law, and the closing down of CAMHL (Citizens Against Motorcycle Helmet Laws). The repeal of the helmet law was in the spring of 1976. Although there was still a few Cities with helmet Law ordinances, they were being done away with or not being enforced. The Helmet battle was pretty much over, and the Bikers had won. Then came the next generation of overreach aimed towards bikers. Motorcycles only check points, questionable searches, etc. It was clear the bikers needed

a voice; enter A.B.A.T.E. Originally an acronym for "A Brotherhood Against Totalitarian Enactments". The actual name has been changed several times through the years, and various ones are used across the U.S. today. One of the more popular ones is "American Bikers Aimed Toward Education", here in Oklahoma, A.B.A.T.E. of Oklahoma uses "A Brotherhood Aiming Toward Education". On October 31st 1979, National ABATE officially recognized National ABATE of Oklahoma dba ABATE of Tulsa (although ABATE had begun in Tulsa on September 20th 1979). Any questions of who was first, that should answer it. And any questions of who was originally "ABATE of Oklahoma", should answer that too. Joe Cervantez who we have mentioned before was asked to be president of the newly formed ABATE, but declined. During the first meeting, on September 20th, Mike Bruno was elected President. After eighteen months, the connection between Tulsa and National

CHARTER



dissolved, Tulsa felt they were sending money to National with no support in return. ABATE of Oklahoma, dba ABATE of Tulsa decided to go it alone. By then Oklahoma City had started up an ABATE Chapter also, although the two were connected in name only. I am uncertain of the order and time

frame of other ABATE chapters opening up in Oklahoma, but several did. It was all fun and games, each chapter pretty much did as they pleased with no organized effort. Until one day, in late 1989 or early 1990 several ABATE chapters were the Capitol lobbying for biker rights. At that time Paul Brinker

was President of ABATE of Tulsa. Paul was approached by a State Representative, who informed him ABATE had too many Presidents pitching too many ideas, if they would unite into 1 unified voice they might get something accomplished. Armed with that bit of advice, all the existing ABATE chapters eventually went together and formed ABATE of Oklahoma a centralized organization with state officers. And all the Chapters would fall under that umbrella. Now with a single central leadership, and all the chapters contributing to a state treasury (used fund lobbyist and other activities), they could get something accomplished. This worked

for several years (did not say it worked well, but it did work), but nothing lasts forever. After several years of debating the issue of a non-profit, ABATE Charitable Services [a 501c(3)] non-profit was finally formed. The Tulsa folks headed this up, so donations could be tax deductible, especially for the Tulsa Toy Run (one of the largest in the country). Next issue we will look at how, why, and where ABATE originated. Please feel free to add feedback to our website (<https://oklahomabiker.net>), or even upload your point of view.

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Ronnie*



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Women Riders

Motorcycle enthusiasm started for me when I was young, always loved to go camping with my family with the dirt bikes in tow. We camped out in the mountains of Washington State and my mom and dad would take us for rides on the dirt roads. Then as I got older I would always get excited when I would see packs of motorcycles riding by. I was once at a horse show in California sitting outside on the benches and all of sudden heard this roar that was coming from the background noise. Couldn't figure it out at first then as it got closer I stood up to see what it was...a pack of about 100 motorcycles riding by! As I stood there watching them go by I had this big smile on my face just watching them and looked around and to my surprise not one other person was standing up or looking to see what it was. I think I was hooked from that point on. Now needless to say I had never ridden one by myself until I was in my late thirty's, but I had rode on the back or rode ATV and occasionally a dirt bike. Something totally

different to actually getting on out the street and ride one by myself. Of course I went through all the proper training with a friend of mine named Bookkeeper and it was a funny site to see this 280 lb. man sitting on a Honda rebel but he did it for me. He took me to an empty parking lot and trained me with setting up cones. Then I went to the school to get my endorsement on driver's license and it was on from then.

You know you always hear that it's a man's world when it comes to riding motorcycles but then again one of the first ladies to ever ride on her own was Effie Hotchkiss back in 1915. She was a Wall Street banking clerk; after her father had passed she used the money to get a motorcycle with a side car because her mother



insisted she go with her on her travels.

Augusta & Adeline Van Buren who wanted to show that women could ride motorcycles just as well as men and they set out on an adventure to prove that they could be useful as dispatch riders for the upcoming war. Although they got rejected they still endured the 3,300 mile trek on Indian powered motorcycles. They were documented as the first two women to ride solo across the United States on two motorcycles.



Dorothy "Dot" Robison's father was a sidecar manufacture, they moved to America in 1918 where they ran a motorcycle dealership in Michigan. Dot logged her first 100 mile endurance race in 1930, six years later she became the first woman to compete in Michigan's 500 mile Jack Pine Motorcycle Endurance Run. They tried to keep her out of it

but she prevailed in the long run. She is the one who co-founded the Motor Maids, the first women's motorcycle club and it is still standing today.



Then we have Bessie Stringfield the first African American woman to cross the country on her own in 1930 at the age of 19. She traveled all 48 states while being a dispatch rider for the war, despite all the racism, bigotry and sexism. After the war she moved to Florida and founded the Iron Horse Motorcycle Club. She insisted they call her "The motorcycle Queen of Miami".



Thanks to all the accomplishments more and more women had picked up riding and now everywhere you look there are women's clubs, organizations and racers. More women are stepping up to the track to show what they have and that not only men can do it. I have a friend who loves to ride her father's old bike in the salt flat races. Although I would never have the guts to do it I honor all those that do.

Although I don't ride as much as I used to just cause it hurts my body to much, I have had some fantastic rides with husband and friends, memories that will last forever. In fact one of the best/not so best memories I had was when I rode to Sturgis with my husband. The ride up was beautiful and non-eventful, stayed at the KOA in Grand isle the first night and headed the rest of the way up the next day. We decided to ride into Sturgis from Rapid City, spent the day there and headed back to camp. Well out on the freeway we are going past the 18 wheeler and I under estimated the wind they blow at you when coming around

the front of the truck and it blew me over into the bumps just before you hit the median. Well I was able to handle it and so much I got off the next exit because of how shaken I was, all I saw or thought was well this is it. My husband and his buddy kept going (figure that) so I called him and said you go on ill meet you there I can't get back on the freeway, needless to say he said no you buckle up and get back on your only 1 exit away. So I did! Ladies when riding on your own bike with your husbands please remind them to look in their mirrors to make sure your still behind them, cause on the way home my motorcycle decided it wanted to die somewhere in the middle of Nebraska and my husband kept going AGAIN.... I looked pretty funny sitting there blinking my lights and waving my arms to get his attention while my bike keeps popping and coming to a die. So I pull over and a truck behind me stopped and asked if I needed help and I said no he will see me not behind him and come back. Yeah sure didn't happen! So I finally got it going and started back off, it took me 20 minutes at 90mph to catch up to him, he

was hauling a tent trailer so he wasn't going that fast. I got up beside him, honked my horn, waving my hand and when he finally looked at me I gave him the number 1 sign and he put his hand up like what???? So needless to say when we made the next stop he got an ear full.

Ladies I encourage you to ride on and ride free because there is no other feeling like it!

P.S. Excuse the number 1 sign only good pic I had....

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Last year, Scooters South 40 Bar and Grill was forced to move, after the state took their property for a highway project. The new location is located at the corner of Highway 51 and Oneida Road in South Broken Arrow, and its orange and black color scheme, and narrow parking spaces close to the front door literally scream, "motorcycles are welcome here".

The first thing you notice when you first enter the building, is it so bright and cheerful. The huge wooden bar looks to be about the size of an aircraft carrier deck. Prominently available on the bar is a supply of Oklahoma Biker magazines. High efficiency fans keep the air smoke free. Yep, there are the required pool tables, and the tasty smells of food cooking in the kitchen.

When the weather improves, they will open up the firepit located on the back patio. The patio will also have an outside bar. They also have an event beer trailer. The old car wash is being converted to a detail shop. Last, but not least, they

also offer catering which we expect to see at motorcycle events throughout the state.

If your group is looking for a poker run stop, a place to hold an event, or just a place to relax after a day of riding, you need not look further than Scooters South 40 Bar and Grill. Easy access, good parking, excellent food, plenty of room inside and out, and the friendliest people you will ever meet.

Owners Erol and Lisa have a lot of events already on their event calendar. Mar 28th is their grand opening, an all day affair featuring the Red Sawyer band. May 9, Erol & Lisa are inviting all their readers to their 5th annual Fun Run. All the proceeds from this 4-stop poker run, including the 50/50 drawing, are returned to the participants. They want to give back as a way to show their thanks to all their supporters. KSU 11:00am from the Cimarron Bar, 2619 S Memorial Dr, Tulsa. May 30th is Scooter's all day crawfish boil, while June 6th is their 5 year anniversary. Whew!

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The Faceless Souls Riding Club was established in 2012 to help our veterans and the community. They are about pride and unity among our nations of military and our veterans. They believe the duty and opportunity to support our fellow veterans did not end with their military service. The Faceless Souls sponsor an annual ride, Ride For America, to raise funds to help a veteran cause. Hannibal started the

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Ride For America in 2012. She traveled across the United States raising money for a triple amputee injured on tour in Iraq. The club continues to support the Ride For America by organizing a ride or cookout to raise funds for a veteran cause. The Faceless Souls also support other local clubs and businesses in fundraisers in helping our veterans with

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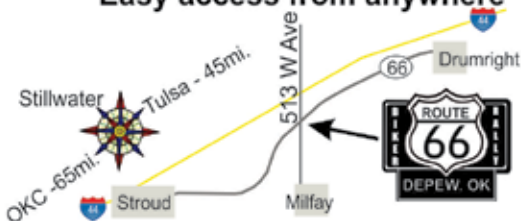
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Saturday, October 24

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Mardi Gras

If you're ever sitting around in the house bored in late February, do what I do. Ride to South Louisiana for Mardi Gras. The party of all parties! Not to mention, the weather is nice down there that time of year. Every year, I do the same thing, I ride to Shreveport spend the night

and then on to Houma (just west of New Orleans). If you think Mardi Gras is only New Orleans, you don't know Mardi Gras. The entire state of Louisiana is one big party during Mardi Gras. Heck it even spills over into east Texas, and west Mississippi. I have to fast for a coupla days



before hand, and then I still gain about 10 pounds. The food is everywhere, and it is really good! The Parades are just the window dressing, it is one big street party. Food and drink, never meet a stranger, never a cross word. This year Fat Tuesday was February 25th, so Mardi Gras started about Friday the 21st. Houma did their celebration on the 22nd - 23rd, which is where I went. Food, drinks, parade, and fun what more could a biker ask for? I was standing in someone's front yard (never met them before), drinking and watching the parade. I asked if there was an ice chest I could put my half gallon of rum in to keep it cold. Now remember, I did not know these folks, had never met them before. They answered me, no ice chest, but feel free to go into the house and put my bottle in the freezer to keep it cold. You can't make this stuff up. So I went into the house, and put my bottle in the freezer of the double door fridge. The house was full of people, and food. I was offered a bowl of jambalaya which I readily accepted. I then walked outside and struck up a conversation with someone also in the yard watching the



parade (the parades last all day). We got to talking about my bowl of jambalaya, and he made the remark that he liked "pastalaya". I then asked what was "pastalaya"? When he found out that I had never had "pastalaya", he got on the phone and found a party about 2 blocks away that had some. He then took off walking to get me a bowl. Now remember I never met this fellow before. About 15 minutes later, he was back with a very large bowl of "pastalaya", just for me. I then found out just what "pastalaya" was. It was like jambalaya, but instead of rice, used shell pasta. Best thing I ever tasted! I ate about half of it, and saved the rest for lunch the next day. Most of the Bars along parade routes become nude bars during the parade. Usually a manager and 3 or 4 strippers go from bar to bar until they find one that don't



already have dancers. The bars have plywood precut to place over the pool tables for the girls to dance on. I walked into a bar a coupla years ago to get a drink and sit down for a minute. I noticed the guy sitting across the bar was fixated on the dancer, so much it was blatantly obvious.

I watched him, not the dancer (my wife reads this) until the music stopped. After the dance stopped, he let out a long slow breath then lit up a cigarette! I could not help myself, I laughed until I cried, then I asked him if he thought it was good for her too. After realizing what he had just done, we laughed again, we have been good friends ever since. The Monday after I usually head over to Texas and say hi to a coupla friends, then back home to the frozen wasteland of Tulsa!

*Ride on,
Ronnie*





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TIME FOR A TUNE UP!

Just when you think it's an article about the bike. NOPE, it's about the RIDER!!

Winter months seem to keep us off the bike and out of practice. Spring pops up and a sunny, half-way warm day has us wanting to hit the road!

Instead take the time to do some inventory of the situation.

*Evaluate your skills and the fact that it's been a "minute" since you've used them.

*Practice evasive maneuvers by going to a parking lot and have some fun with friends. Find out who can brake in the shortest distance possible, swerving quickly and make some good U-turns. Perform some "bike-bonding" exercises that will give you some great skill refreshers and a terrific start of a later conversation!

*Check your gear and see if it's outdated or even still fits...

Sometimes those plastic storage containers shrink even the best motorcycle gear!

Tulsa and the surrounding areas have recently had some freezing precipitation and the cities treated the roads with sand and salt. Be aware of where it has accumulated. Even if it's rained since that time, the water will usually just cause it to layer up and create a hazard to riders on the road.

The riders who have been around the longest and have been having the most fun on their trips are the ones who have learned to make the time to do a personal tune-up. They have never regretted the time and effort it takes to make it all happen.

In order to have a safe and fun Spring, be sure to give yourself, your gear, and your bike a complete tune up!

Be Safe, Lisa "Sprout" Brogdon

TECH TIPS

DOT 4 & ABS

HD changed to DOT4 brake fluid in 2005 for the Touring models and in 2006 for the Dyna & Softail and 2007 for the Sportster. The reason for the switch from DOT 5 (silicone based) to DOT 4 (glycol based) was the advent of ABS (anti-lock braking systems). The reason being DOT 5 will not work in ABS systems. Harley-Davidson recommends that you replace/flush the DOT 4 brake fluid in your Harley braking system every two years regardless of mileage. Sounds simple right? Well not so much! Changing the DOT 4

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Sean Wheelock
General Manager,
Iron Nation Harley Davidson



The Norman Swap Meet

The Norman Swap Meet started in 2009 as an “all transportation event” including all forms of transportation; Wheels, Keels, Scooters, Bikes, Cars, Trucks. Venders with motorcycle parts are mixed among the buildings and outdoors! The pictures are from prior years! The draw to the meet is you can find that pan head project or that rare Vespa scooter! Cleveland County Fairgrounds The twice annual “All Transportation Swap Meet!” The 3rd weekend in March and The 4th weekend in October. Sell your old Race car parts! That unfinished scooter project! Sell your old Classic Truck! Join the fun! At the Norman Swap Meet you can buy and sell Rat Rods, Cars, Trucks, and Parts, Street



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food and then we are on the road again.

Listening to the sound of the bikes, the beautiful country we're riding in and the camaraderie between brothers - this is what it's all about ! As we continue to ride in the night and listen to the sounds of the road, I'm filled with great peace knowing each of us have received Christ as our Lord. Our lives are no longer what the used to be ! Really makes you wonder what other great things God has arranged for us around the the next curve. He will fill your life with great peace if you just ask Him to be your Lord. Remember life is much better in God's lane !!

Full Throttle for Jesus
Cma Preacher Dennis



TATTOO

Myself and one of our sales people decided to venture down south to McAlester this past Saturday. We delivered magazines, and visited with many folks. One in particular was Robert Bromley aka Bob Viela or Side Show, and his partner Travis Warring aka



T-Bone of “Gypsy Syndicate Tattoo Studio”. No big deal, we stopped in just like many other stops of the day, dropped off magazines, and left a business card. As we were leaving, I noticed something, a complete “Shovelhead” (alternator case) in an engine cradle sitting in the corner of the waiting room. Not something you see every day in the waiting room of a Tattoo shop. We are after all a “Biker” Magazine, this deserved a little research. After visiting with Bob and T-Bone (who was tattooing when we got there), I found we had much in common. There was also a BACA sticker in the window I found that Bob was a member of his local BACA Chapter. Now I don’t tell many, but I was a military brat, my dad retired from the Air Force at Luke AFB, AZ just outside Phoenix. I spent the first six years of my life in Sunnyslope, AZ. Now guess



where these two Tattoo artists were from? No kidding, they are from Phoenix, particularly the Sunnyslope area. Wow we had plenty to visit about, but eventually the conversation got around to (in my opinion) the most famous Tattoo artist ever, Norman (Sailor Jerry) Collins. I mentioned that I had never been inside a studio that did not have any Sailor Jerry flash. After that comment, T-Bone placed a stack of Sailor Jerry flash catalogs on the counter, more than I have ever seen in a single place. The conversation then proceeded to Sailor Jerry after I mentioned I drink only

“Sailor Jerry” and diet Coke. They laughed and informed me that Rum was not even Sailor Jerry’s drink. They went on to tell me how Sailor Jerry pioneered the addition of bright color into modern tattoos. We visited for what seemed to be hours, like we were old friends, leaving with laughs and high fives all around. Definitely the best stop of our trip, so if you’re ever in McAlester, OK, I highly suggest you stop by visit, and get some ink if you got time. Almost forgot to mention their work, VERY good, lots of fine line work, great art, and if you like it Bright color (I am a black and



grey man myself) and they do that too. In my opinion it doesn't get any better than fine line black and grey, and these guys do that like perfection! Almost forgot to mention these guys get invited to and go to, The Pirate Tattoo Association "The Ball" (formerly the Ink Slingers Ball) every year.

*Tattoo Aficionado,
Ronnie*

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