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## TALKIN TRASH

I rode my motorsickle to work today. Wearing chaps and a leather shirt, I got too warm while riding to my office as it is windy and 74 degrees...much like what you would expect for the end of March. However, it isn't the end of March - today is February 18th. Much like other folks I know, my idea of winterizing my motorsickle is plugging it into a battery tender. This year all I have done is waste electricity with the battery tender. What's up with this crazy weather? Its balmy and sunny in Oklahoma, and tornadoes in Florida. I am not complaining; I am just curious about what is going on. Are you?

We are excited about our second installment of "Changin' Lanes." Wanda Watson shared her story with us in our last issue, and I thought she did a wonderful job. This month we have Scott "Spur 1%er" Whorton's story. I have known this man since we were kids and I can personally attest to the trials he has overcome to reach the 1st Chair of the Oklahoma Confederation of Clubs. You won't want to miss reading his story.

Speaking of the Oklahoma CoC we want to wish this organization a Happy 20th Anniversary. For 20 years now the CoC has been defending bikers' rights and lifestyle here in Oklahoma. We are proud to announce they have sanctioned Cheryl's Birthday Bash Ryders Army Toy Run as the Oklahoma Confederation of Clubs 20th Anniversary Party. We are

honored the Confederation believes in, and trusts us enough to give us such an esteemed designation. Thank you OK CoC.

Folks, we want to thank each of you, our readers and advertisers alike, for helping us reach these new levels of growth. This issue is the first time we have ever reached **56 pages**. We are now covering most of the state from Grand Lake area to Lawton, from Woodward to Mena. AR. Soon we will be printing 15.000 copies and placing them in more than 500 locations. We never dreamed this little ol' Ragazine (we are too little to be a magazine) would reach these numbers. We are humbled by your support. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts. May God bless each and every one of vou...until we meet In the Wind.

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## Prayers for S



March 4th 2014. I still remember standing in her room staring at all the unopened gifts from her birthday party only a couple weeks before.

I remember the day; it was a swimming party but on the day of her 7th birthday party she was too tired to open her gifts. I remember being disappointed because she appeared to be coming down with a virus or something. I placed all the gifts in her room so they would be waiting for her when she woke up from her nap. Little did I know that things would go from her feeling "a little run down" to me pleading with the doctor's office and emergency room staff to figure out why my little girl has developed bruises all over her body, never has any energy and is sore all the time - to the point of waking up multiple times a night screaming in pain.

On March 4th her doctor ordered bloodwork, mostly to see if she had mono.

The call I received was not what any parent ever should have to hear. The words kept playing on repeat in my head. "Mrs. Williams your daughter is very sick. We believe she has leukemia. You need to pack some things and head to St. Francis Children's Hospital." So there I stood in her room just staring at all those unopened gifts.

What do you pack? How do you prepare for a trip like this? I just started to empty her dresser drawers into suitcases. I scooped up my little girl and my boyfriend

drove us to the hospital. All the way there all I could hear was, "We think she has leukemia." Suddenly, common sense kicks in and I realize this must be the biggest mix-up in history. She can't have cancer. She can't be that sick because just a few weeks ago she was playing with her friends. I say a quick prayer just to make sure God realizes that the tests from the hospital need to be more accurate so we can figure out what is really going on, because it can't possibly be cancer.

At this point I want to say that I have always believed in God. I attend church, have taught Bible class, and unless someone is sick, my entire family is sitting in the pew on Sundays and Wednesdays. That's right we are twice-a-weekers.

I had been praying for Arleigh since she first got sick so a trip to the hospital should fix everything - I mean why not? I was heading to a great hospital and I have a wonderful God who answers prayer.

Waiting in that little E.R. patient room while tests were being run to confirm the cancer diagnosis was the longest 30 minutes of my life. Suddenly, the fear started to creep in. Then the doctor came back and said those words that I was so convinced I would not have to hear... "YOUR DAUGHTER HAS CANCER." Did you know words can physically cause some of the worst pain you have ever

felt? I didn't either. Until those words. They seemed to suck all the air out of the room. I excused myself to go to the restroom. Once safely out of sight from my child, I fell on the floor into a heap of broken agony. At that moment, I would have given God anything for a reset button on Arleigh's diagnosis.

The next few weeks were a blur. Lots of procedures, chemo, transfusions, vomiting, pain, hair loss, weight loss, steroids, and LOTS of new vocabulary words. After we were finally released to go home, life began to take on a new form. Life before those horrible words and life after them would never be the same. Eventually, our new normal became something that everyone in the family accepted as our new way of life. We live with bags always packed for an emergency hospital visit. My nightstand looks like Walgreens sublet my bedroom for storage and in every room there are vomit bags and disinfectants of all kinds. The thought of having to sit in an actual pediatrician's office with other sick kids is enough to send me into full blown panic mode. Well, to be honest, a sneeze is enough to send me into a panic.

Now we sit at a crossroads in her treatment. The last three biopsies have detected low levels of cancer in her marrow again. Her oncologists are debating on how to proceed. She has a very rare diagnosis which makes the best course of treatment much less clear cut than it would have been without the TP-53 mutation. So here I am, once again on my knees, although not in an emergency room bathroom this time. I find myself begging God to help the



doctors decide on the correct course of treatment. I find myself praying for guidance on how to best proceed, but in the back of my mind there is one question that has been in a continuous loop since that night of March 4th. Where was God?

Where was He when she first started feeling sick and I prayed for Him to help her? Where was He when those leukemia cells first invaded her body? Where was He that night in the emergency room when the doctors were running the tests? Where was He when I was lying in a heap on the bathroom floor begging him to let me trade places with her, pleading with him to let this be a horrible mistake? Where is He now? After almost two years of treatment, those cells have begun to return. So where has He been and why am I still praying?

I have been pushing this question to the back burner of my brain since the beginning. What a horrible lack of faith I must have to be asking this. So with each new obstacle, I pushed that question a little deeper and it gets a little louder every day. I can't ignore that question any longer, so I am finally allowing myself to give this question a validity that I had previously been too afraid to give.

Here is what I have learned....

God is bigger than cancer but He doesn't promise that He will destroy it. What He does promise is that He will never leave us or forsake us. 'I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.' (John 16:33)



He never promised us a perfect life free from pain and heartbreak but He promised us everlasting life with Him in Heaven.

The same God who could have kept His only son off the cross but chose instead to raise Him from the dead is the same God who watches over my little girl. The same God who had enough faith in me to give me the gift of being her mother is the same God who guides her oncologists.

Where was God when the cancer invaded her body? He was right there

with both of us. He was that voice in my head telling me something was wrong. That feeling that told me to keep going back until they figure it out. He gave me a man who loves my daughter like his own who stood by my side that night with all the uncertainty.

Where was God that night almost two years ago in the emergency room waiting on test results? He was there, His mercy and love were covering us the whole time. He was the voice in my head telling me to just breath and He was there helping me maintain my inner strength and composure around my daughter. He was the whole reason I was able to keep a calm presence in the room with her that night when all I wanted to do was cease to exist. He made sure she was surrounded by a loving father and a loving aunt that night. He made sure she had what she needed.

Where was He when I was on the bathroom floor begging to trade places with her? The answer is that He was always there He never left us.

'God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.' (Psalm 46:1)

He already knew what was happening; He knew our needs. He was my refuge right there on that bathroom floor. I felt the air leave the room. I felt a flood of tears that could not be contained behind my eyes anymore. I felt a fog enter my mind, and panic filled every ounce of my being and I excused myself from that room. What did I do? Where did I go? Seeking His refuge - that is where I went. I didn't know it at the time but that is exactly what I did. I went to the one who

knows how many hairs are on my daughter's head, the one who set the heavens and earth into existence and I begged for my daughter's life.

In seeking His refuge, He gave me strength I had not previously possessed in a very real time of trouble. I was given the strength to get up off that floor and go back into that room and face whatever was next.



My faith has been tested before and I have known obstacles and heartbreak but I now know God has been preparing me for such a time as this. Arleigh's oncologist just happened to be the same one that treated my sister and just happened to know a very vital piece of information about my family's genetic history that I didn't even know. That one piece of information happened to be crucial in saving her life and treating this cancer. God was preparing him for such a time as this. Now that I have allowed myself to question my own faith in God and His presence in my life, I am more certain than ever of His fingerprints all over every page of it. The doctors the nurses, my family and friends, myself, my children we are being prepared for the fight of our lives. Our reward is Heaven not this earthly life. Don't get me wrong because my daughter will have a long earthly life. Hope and faith demand

nothing less than my absolute belief that my daughter will beat this. But now, almost two years later, things are still uncertain but I can already see His presence and guiding hand in so many things. He gave us the perfect oncologist and I believe He has also provided the perfect transplant doctor if we need him. He also blessed my oldest son with being a bone marrow match. This is such a miracle in itself. He has been preparing my son, both of my sons with hearts like no other. They would do anything for their little sister and we will never know how much that love has meant to her recovery, but I know it means the world to her. She and I both have been given a support system like no other. A group of cancer parents who defy all the odds on a daily basis and their children who are walking miracles and the strongest people I have ever met. Now that I have taken the time to question where God was, I now know where He has always been and whatever comes next I know He will be there with us the whole time

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." (Jeremiah 29:11)

Shaylin Williams



## BIG JIM'S RALLY

Hey, we all already know that Big Jim's Rally is lighting up Tahlequah again Aug. 19-20, but when we reached out to Drew Haley, the event's organizer, he wouldn't tell us nuthin'. Ummmm, WHAT???

That's right, Drew Haley has some BIG ideas, but until he has the itinerary solidified, he said he couldn't tell us nuttin' or else he'd have to kill us. Nah, we'll wait.

So, for now, we're gonna go with reasons you should support (and attend) Big Jim's Rally in 2016:

- 1. You will get the chance to hang out and visit with friends you haven't seen in a while in a place where there will be plenty of places to sit a spell, relax and catch up.
- 2. Organizers are seriously upping their game from last year with more things for you to do; you could go home with fatter pockets, you could win some serious gear and you will have plenty of options on places to stay, where to ride, what to eat and things to do.
- 3. The main event is being held in downtown Tahlequah. In case you have yet to visit this little town in eastern Oklahoma, it's worth the trip. All kinds of restaurants,

## is coming: **ssshh**, don't tell nobody

shopping opps and there are always float trips on the Illinois River or fishing on Lake Tenkiller. There is none of the insanity of a busy downtown trying to get around your good time and all of downtown is centrally located. AND they are biker-friendly!

- 4. You are doing your part to honor a local legend, Big Jim Gilliam. Big Jim ran a local outdoor market in Tahlequah from the late 40's to the early 60's. His home and market were located in what is now known as Norris Park where the Rally will be located. He was a great man devoted to giving the biker community positive press.
- 5. Oklahoma Biker (and its owner, Darrell Briggs) are passionate about keeping local Okie legends alive, but they can't do it without folks like you. They need people to show up and celebrate Oklahomans who did their part to make this state what it is today. Let's keep Big Jim's legend alive.

We'll keep an eye out for any info leaks on Big Jim's Rally in coming months (just don't tell nobody). Stick with us for more as we get closer to August. More at www.bigjimsrally.com or (918) 431-1655.



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The other night, my youngest child, Ethyn (5), and I were tossing a small orange football in the living room and I said, "orange" and then he said, "power" and we played and had a good time. A few minutes after, he was playing on the floor with the football saying orange power and then yellow power, green power, red power and so on. This was all fine and good until he said those two words, "white power." I freaked out and said; "No Ethyn! You cannot say that! It is not nice!" I scared him with how quickly I raised my voice about it.

He stared at me with a startled, confused look and asked why that was wrong. I told him that white power means something very bad. Well as little children do, he asked, "why?" I tried for half an hour to explain racism in the past, to no avail. He did not understand the concept, the hate or why people thought that different color skin meant more than different color skin. He simply asked, "but is it wrong to say orange power?" I said, "no buddy, orange power is fine. It is just saying white power that is bad." It was then that his eyes filled with tears and said, "I don't want to be bad." I was at a loss.

My little boy is not bad. Ethyn has no idea what racism is. He was not born hating anyone nor was he taught hate, so why would I expect him to have any idea what I

was talking about. Seriously. No one I know is racist. No one I associate with uses racial humor or sees anyone for anything more than the character they put forth.

So it was then that I said, "you are just fine bubba. All that was a long time ago and we are a different world now." So he went back to playing with the football like nothing had ever happened and I sat and pondered that conversation for the rest of the night.

I have never given racism any more thought than to be confused about how it could ever have been. But now, as an adult, I sit in the middle of my living room floor trying to make my five year old understand it. That suddenly seemed completely absurd. My children are growing up knowing there is no difference in people other than that person's ability to love or hate. They do not understand racism because my wife and I do not understand racism, and that is the way it will remain. I continue to pray for those that have been hurt by it and I pray more that they can move on from it.

All that to say this: If we continue to raise a generation of children correctly, they will always look confused when racism is mentioned.

Remember, it's a part of our history and only remains a part of our present if we work to keep it alive. Something to think about.

Rev. Matt Thompson



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## Hogs 4 Service Dogs Poker Run



Just in time to celebrate what we hope is a sunnier 2016, the Glad Wags Service Dog Training Center (GWSD) is having a bit of a celebration too with their Hogs 4 Service Dogs (H4SD) Poker Run.

Running along Historic Route 66, H4SD has plenty of stops for you to grab cards and try your luck as well as door prizes and a free family-friendly after party to commemorate the day. Okay, so no big surprises there, right? What makes GWSD special compared to all the other fund raising poker runs is what they do with the money.

Much research has shown that people with physical, mental and emotional challenges and needs can benefit greatly from having service dogs; autism, hearing impaired, PTSD, epilepsy, wheelchair bound and narcolepsy are just a few of the disorders that service dogs can help with. The folks at GWSD are not just grabbing a bunch of pound puppies and hoping for the best, they put a lot of time and energy into training all kinds of dogs to work with all kinds of challenges and they want to put the right dog with the right patient, AND their family. They spend an entire year training each dog and the dog's handler 'fosters' the dog, thereby ensuring that they are training the dog continuously.

GWSD's focus is dog training, not fundraising, so events such as the upcoming poker run are critical to keep

the doors open and to keep the dogs fed. Their care and compassion for vets and children with special needs makes GWSD's Poker Run just the kind of event that the biker community wants to support. Even if you cannot attend the run on April 16, they have opportunities for us to donate on their Website and they sell really cute bracelets to support their cause as well (they aren't the strips of rubber everyone else is selling, but a beaded bracelet with a paw charm).

Read the success stories, find out how they operate and find out more about the Poker Run at www.gladwagsservicedogs. com. If you have specific questions, call Marj Satterfield at (918) 504-1764. The Poker Run starts at 9 a.m. at Glad Wags at 4950 S. 79th E. Ave. (Fontana Square) in Tulsa.













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## TURKEY MOUNTAIN TROUBADOURS

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Okay, some of us might show our age by remembering Turkey Mountain Troubadours' concerts way back when, but if you were a part of the awesome sounds being thrown down by TMT, chances are good that you caught one of their shows. We might have some wear and tear, but our engines are solid and most of us would love to see our favorite local musicians and share it with our children and grandchildren. If you don't know the name Turkey Mountain Troubadours, that's ok, but we bet if you employ six degrees of separation, you'll get to the third degree and find someone who knows them. They played all over our neck of the woods for a long time and many a toe was tappin' to what they put down.

Well, we have a surprise for you. The band that called it quits for the last time in 1995 is getting back together for a one-night only, catch-it-or-kick-yourself-later event at none other than Cain's Ballroom on May 28. That's right kids, *TMT* is doing a once in a lifetime gig, complete with the original members over Memorial Day weekend right in the left kidney of Tulsa.

Cain's Ballroom is located right in Downtown Tulsa at 423 N. Main Street

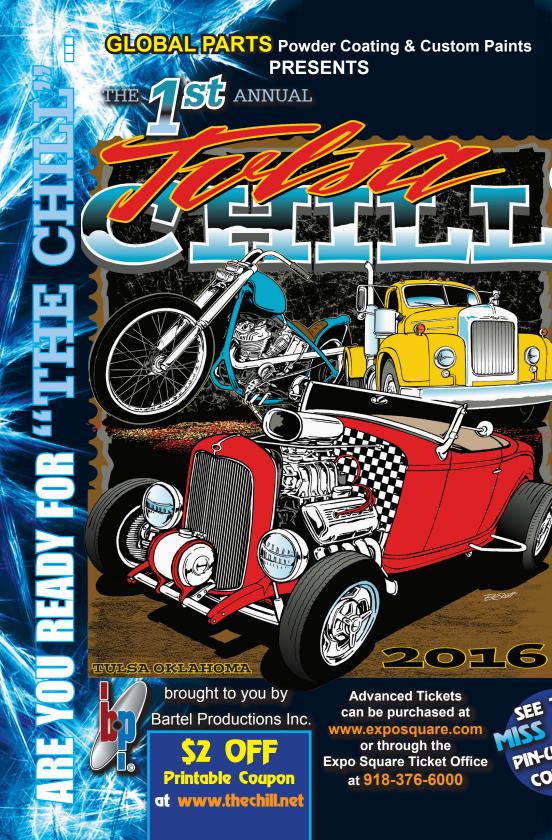


(just off I-44). Check in with www.cains-ballroom.com for info on TMT and their opening band, the Fabulous Hardcastle Brothers. Tickets are \$20 and \$23 - you can buy them online in advance of the show or at the door (but we do not recommend waiting until the day of the show – it's likely to sell out).

Wanna know more about Turkey
Mountain Troubadours or the Fabulous
Hardcastle Brothers? You can find all
sorts of info and pics on Oklahoma
Biker's Website and Facebook; it
includes a special story about the band's
special salute and who TMT is today
as well as more info on what Cain's is
putting out there to make your May 28
one for the record book. It's a last chance
show of Tulsa's Timeless Honky Tonk
y'all!

Amy Addams







Get ready to light up

## St. Patty's at

## Sparks America

It's FINALLY SPRING and we got the dirt on where you need to be to celebrate the green; Sparks America Campground is planning a St. Patrick's Weekend for the record books March 17-20. Need a reason to go? We got a bunch of 'em...

- 5. You've been sitting for so long, you need to be dusted regularly, your dog has gained 30 pounds (and he's a Chihuahua) and your ass groove on the couch will never be undone.
- 4. It's a big biker party for three whole days and Sparks is doing it in style; they will have live music with Red Sawyer, Lost Kozz, New Dynasty and Just Sayin, a bike contest, an Irish Dress-Up contest, and games o' plenty.
- 3. Where else can you go for as little as \$40 for a weekend getaway? They have RV hook-ups, tent sites, primitive camping and plenty of amenities to make it special along with FOUR NEW CABINS that offer the dirt-phobic a place to sleep. See www.sparksamericacampgrounds. com for lodging prices and info.
- 2. No kids (you must be 21), no/low-technology (yes they have Wi-Fi for your techno-fix), no bad attitudes (Sparks expressly forbids them). YES fun, yes music, yes games, yes good friends, good memories and good times.
- 1. FREE Beer. 'Nuff said. Sparks will be offering some free suds at the gate (first come, first served), and we can't think of any place where we get free beer just for walking through the door. It's like biker Heaven!

Need more? Your wearin' O' the green could win you a FREE pass to Bike Week in June AND BACA is selling 50/50 raffle tickets. Jennifer reminds everyone that Sparks will host the BACA Easter Egg Hunt the following weekend (March 26).

Get the camping gear, fill the cooler with bologna and beers and grab a fresh pair of (green) underwear, and celebrate spring. Dress up, dress down, dress off, but let's get green! We have five more reasons for you to go to Sparks at www.oklahomabiker.net and we bet you can think of many more.

**sláinte** mhaith! (SLAHN-ja-vah: Celtic for "to your good health"). Sparks America Campgrounds Information:

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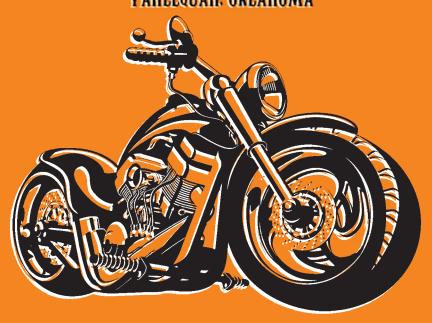
Phone: Jennifer Butler, (918) 866-2543

Please know that Sparks America wants everyone to enjoy their biker bashes. Bring ID, but leave glass containers, dogs, weapons and bitchy, mean people at home. Come out ready to have a good time.

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## COLORADO MOTORCYCLE ELOW E SWAP

About this time last year, I wrote an article about the Denver Swap Meet. I wrote about the weather, the building and the mass amount of parts available - and the trip up and back being an event in itself. It is billed as the largest Indoor Swap Meet in the world. Something like 47 years it has been going on, but this year was a little different.

Folks, the violence in our lifestyle back in the '70s was a thing of stories, movies and legend. But this is not the '70s - not by a long shot. And the violence in our lifestyle is all but non-existent in this day and age! Now, with that statement comes the question: What about Waco, and now DENVER? Those events certainly insinuate another factor has been injected into mix. Although it is just theory, it certainly seems that "law enforcement" is the wild card being played in this game. In Denver for instance, the shooter was an off duty police officer, who has not even been arrested. I am starting to see that there are three sets of 'Laws' in this country: one for the politicians, one for 'law enforcement,' and another for everyone else

(maybe four, if you divide rich and poor). I guess I have been misled by the assumption that we all answer to the same set of laws. Do you think that if it happened that a biker was the one left standing with the smoking gun, under the **EXACT** same circumstances that he or she would not be in custody? I wish I knew how that difference was established.

The end result: the Denver Swap Meet was canceled for the first time in 47 years. Getting ready for next year, the owners of the Swap Meet have sent notice that a certain organization is not allowed in any of their events until further notice. Does anyone but me see the irony in that? In the last 20 or so years. our rights have certainly come full circle. We started as groups that were discriminated against: for who we were, what we wore, and our affiliation. Now our own side is banning a club from our events.

I suppose there is always next year, but at my age, I only got so many 'next years' left.

Anonymous Biker



The Steel Horse Rally roars into downtown Fort Smith, Ark. on April 29 & 30, bringing incredible live music, vendors and motorcyclists from all over the country to help local charities. This year Jackyl will rock the Steel Horse Rally Main Stage, Friday, April 29th at the Fort Smith Convention Center. Ticket information will be available soon at <a href="https://www.theSteelHorseRally.com">www.theSteelHorseRally.com</a>.

Known from the popular reality TV show "Full Throttle Saloon," Jackyl and lead vocalist Jesse Dupree bring their unforgettable chainsaw-cutting rock experience to Fort Smith. The Steel Horse Rally will also feature great live rock, country, red dirt and blues from Dallas, TX, Oklahoma, Indiana, Austin, TX plus some local favorites.

"We welcome all bikers back to the great city of Fort Smith, Arkansas for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Steel Horse Rally," said Steel



Horse Rally president Dennis Snow. "We urge you to ride the area's incredible motorcycle roads, enjoy great live music, visit our vendors and help us spread the word about this great annual event in Fort Smith that benefits local charities."

The Steel Horse Rally is a charity motorcycle rally that "honors all who serve" and is dedicated to military, veterans, law enforcement and first responders. The Steel Horse Rally Inc., a non-profit charity, helps local charities





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The Steel Horse Rally Vendor Village will be larger this year with vendors from more than 10 states in the parking lot between the Convention Center and the 800 block of Garrison Avenue. This year Harley-Davidson national will bring its demo truck to the Steel Horse Rally giving people an opportunity to ride the newest 2016 Harley-Davidson motorcycles.

Once again, during designated times during the rally, Garrison Avenue





between 5th and 10th streets will be for motorcycle traffic only and motorcycles can park in the middle of the street. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Steel Horse Rally will feature the second annual Thunder through the Valley Motorcycle Parade, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Steel Horse Rally Bikini Contest, poker runs and much more.

For more information about tickets and how you can become a sponsor, vendor or volunteer at the Steel Horse Rally, visit <a href="www.TheSteelHorseRally.com">www.TheSteelHorseRally.com</a> or e-mail <a href="mailto:info@TheSteelHorseRally.com">info@TheSteelHorseRally.com</a>

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# It's all about the SWEET at CANDY CREEK RALLY

Anything with 'Candy' in the name has to be good. And if the name doesn't make your ears perk, maybe the offerings and location will. The Candy Creek Rally is happening May 5-8 in Barnsdall and it's the new face of biker rallies.

We are so honored that rally organizers are respecting the new biker; none of the crazy of too much booze, violence or danger (they kept the half-dressed beautiful women; we're not STUPID. Or DEAD!) and replaced it with good food, good times, fun games and brotherly love, with plenty of music and chances to get all that once-a-year pesky shopping outta da way. You could win some green with a 50/50 raffle and make this holiday season a free one. They have vendors from all over ready to sell you all kinds of stuff; you'll be ahead of everyone at Christmas this year and you get the chance to spiff up with some new black tees and doo rags while you chow down on some of the best Okie BBQ, deer chili and burgers you've ever put in your food hole. Veggie hounds stay home please. (Do vegetarians even LIVE here anymore? I thought we got rid of 'em...) They have all kinds of games for the competitor in you with new ones for 2016 along with the old standbys like

horseshoes (play nice! It's just a game!) and lots of grown-up entertainment. You have to be over 21 to get in, so leave the kids with Grandma and get ready to party with the big kids (bring Granny a biker tee as a thank you). It's happening at 5183 County Road 2075 in Barnsdall (just off Hwy 75 between Tulsa and Bartlesville). They will have signs to guide you there, but if you need a map, check in with them on Facebook (candycreekrally) or call Bill Yates at (918) 440-8322 with questions. Admission is \$15/day and if you bring the RV or camping gear, it's another \$10/day for water/firewood. If you got cool things to sell your biker brethren, they might have a few vendor spaces still open, but we aren't promising anything. Last but not least, new for 2016 is their new watering hole, ironically called Watering Hole Saloon. Roads to get in are paved and they fly the American flag every day. Pay your respects to Old Glory and get ready to get down and dirty.





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I sure have been enjoying this great "winter" riding weather we've been having! It's not very often you can get in a couple of WEEKS worth of riding this time of year so I for one have been eating it up along with several others. While I was out riding one day I met up with some people and the topic of 'should you carry a firearm?' came up. To me, it's a no brainer! Hell yes you should carry...... at all times. The world as we know it is a different and dangerous place due to whack jobs, terrorists and disgruntled people. Counting on your local law enforcement to be able to show up in time (for those of you who call Cops), just might not happen.

This reminded me of a trip I took to my hometown last August. I was rolling eastbound across Highway 20 in Iowa, laughing and mentally pointing at the huge herd of Sheeple heading for the massively over crowded, over commercialized, overpriced event in South Dakota.

I ran past a Street Glide broke down on the westbound shoulder with a fine looking lady standing next to it looking like the end of the world was near. What the hell? I whipped around and headed back to see if there any help that could be rendered. As I pulled up, I wondered why this long legged, blonde goddess didn't have someone traveling with...... well shit, there he is, sitting in the ditch looking like he just lost his puppy.

They introduced themselves as David and Shelly from the suburbs of Chicago. He was some six figure, yuppie kind of financial office dweller and I'm going to guess she was his trophy wife. I'm pretty sure the bike was a mid-life crisis, and judging by the mileage, they hadn't had it long, (or they may have had it for several years but didn't ride it much because they didn't ride in the rain or the heat or when it's windy or cloudy and never any further than the city limit).

Long story short, he thought his motor was coming apart (it was just a couple of loose bolts rattling around in the air cleaner box). I told him I had some tools, he told me he'd already called AAA, I told him I'd get my tools and show him how easy it was to fix. I grabbed the tools and was working on it when Shelly asked me if I was law enforcement. I spun around, and with what I assume was a very puzzled glare, said "NO". She said if I wasn't a cop, why did I have a gun? I said, "To kill people." In retrospect; I may have wanted to expound on that comment a little sooner than I did. I turned around to explain and noticed she had lost her spray on tan; I don't think I've ever seen anybody turn that white. I asked her if she knew where she was and she said. "In Iowa." I told her that

she was in the middle of nowhere and there are people in this world that mean to do you harm and that I carry a firearm to protect myself should the occasion arise. Shelly informed me that if they had a problem they would just dial 911, I once again reminded her that she was in the middle of nowhere and that she was 30 minutes away from help. To be honest, I'm not sure I made my point, but I tried.

Point is, there is too much weird shit going on in the world these days, you don't know when you'll have to protect or defend yourself. This is just food for thought, I don't care how you feel about the gun grabbers or the anti-gun lobby or the Second Amendment as long as it doesn't come between me and my right to protect myself and my family.

Tank





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# It's always a good time to be **B.D.J.D.**

Yep, it's poker run season; that means lots of biz looking to get our attention (and our money). Sometimes, it's nice to be that adored. And other times, we wanna hide our wallets. But no one can ever accuse the biker community of not taking care of our own.

We get to prove our unity on Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Bikers Overseeing Living Dependents (or BOLD) inaugural SPRING RUN right here in Oklahoma. It starts at Myers-Duren Harley Davidson (or that place where the uncontrollable drooling happens) at 10 a.m. and everyone is invited.

You could ride off a bit richer too. BOLD is offering \$500 high hand, \$250 for the lowest, door prizes, a silent auction, a 50/50 raffle and then you can top-off your day at Mr. Lucky's Pub (at 8240 E. 41st Street in Tulsa) for an evening of good food, good friends and good times.

If all that love for you and your biker brethren doesn't inspire you, how about what BOLD is doing for the biker community? BOLD is a true 501c3 charity (all of the money is used to support their cause, just like BACA), and BOLD's intent is to help the children of fallen bikers; they buy clothes, school supplies, gifts, they pay extracurricular activity fees and buy other necessities that the parent would normally buy. They collect no paychecks for their time and effort – it's all volunteer.

Sadly, we all know of at least one person who could benefit from the good deeds of BOLD, making it a perfect welcome to spring riding season. Entrance fees are nominal: \$20/rider, \$10/passenger, \$10/extra hand and \$5/replacement number. They would welcome donated goods for



the auctions and will even come get the bigger things that you cannot drop-off to them. If you need more info, call Brandy Schrader at (918) 924-5079 or e-mail her at boldinfotulsa@gmail.com. You can also check out the good deeds of BOLD on Facebook (search for Tulsa Bikers Overseeing Living Dependents) or check in with www.boldinfo.net. Myers-Duren is located at 4848 S. Peoria Avenue in Tulsa.

Best part of all, we can <u>ALL</u> get involved in a worthwhile charity in its inception and change a local child's life. So, be sure to mark your calendar and show the kids of our downed biker brothers and sisters that we will always care and they are still loved.



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# CHESTER "CHIEF" GREEN

March 13, 1943 February 9, 2016

### Changin' Lanes: Spur's Story

My name is Barney "Spur 1%er" Whorton. I was born in Pryor in 1963 and I have one brother. When I was nine, both my parents and grandparents got divorced in the same year and it was hard on me and my family. It was also when I tried alcohol for the first time. I went to the movies with some friends who snuck it into the theater and I drank for the first time in my life. I didn't get hooked that time and I didn't think anything of it either. I also didn't drink for a long time after this.

When I finished military school, I moved to Tahlequah where I went to work for my dad's business and around that time I began experimenting with drugs and alcohol. I would work, come home, go out with friends, get high, get drunk, go home, get a few hours' sleep and start the cycle all over again. That was pretty much my life until April 20, 1994 when I got fired from my job. On that day, I realized that if I didn't change right now, I would end up dead or in prison. I decided to get help that day and went right into a treatment program.

I made it through the program here in Oklahoma and after I finished, I moved to a halfway house in Hattiesburg, Mississippi for a while. I was so blessed that my first treatment worked and got me clean. It was towards the end of my time at the halfway house that my dad called and told me he wanted me to come home and come back to work for him. That was over 20 years ago and I'm happy to say that I have been clean and working for my family's business ever since.

I am not trying to make my story sound like it was so easy. It wasn't easy at all. I take each day one at a time, and I work at staying clean just like other addicts. I am so grateful that my wife's grandchildren never have seen me drunk or high and just knowing that helps me stay sober; it is the love in my life and

my faith in the Creator that makes me want to stay this way. There are so many things that you will see with new eyes and it might seem as though you are seeing many things for the first time. It's scary at first, but as you experience this more often, it becomes exciting. You will look back at moments when you were using, and now (when you are sober) you will see them as turning points in your life. I got to a point where I went home to use and get drunk because I thought that's what everybody did. When I got clean, I found out that wasn't true at all. This was a bit of a shock to me. Finding out this information was one of my life's turning points and I remember when I learned this.

My other turning point was at the Fire on the Water event in May where I was talking to my cousin Mike. He said, "You know, I'm really proud of you." It was like hitting the lottery. Mike passed in August.

I feel that at the age of 53, I am like a little kid in some ways; I have so many things I never learned to do, ways to deal with things, emotions and people because my mind was focused on my drug use; so now, I am learning things I probably should have learned earlier in life. I am not upset by it, I'm actually excited by all the new things I notice around me. If you experience these emotions, don't get upset by them – the Creator will show you the path - and your loved ones will keep you on it.





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# DBA'S Newest Chapter Holds Inaugural Event: The White Trash Run in Enid

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### **Legislative MEAL:**

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On February 11, I met up with bikers from all over Oklahoma at the State Capitol to see what this Legislative MEAL was all about. On the menu: Fruit Sundaes, Pastries and conversation to rally support for Oklahoma's Motorcycling Anti-Profiling Bill - Senate Bill 1457 and other legislation impacting Oklahoma bikers.

Senate Bill 1457 comes with joint cooperation between Senator Ralph Shortey, Oklahoma CoC, US Defenders, COIR and Sooner State ABATE is designed to prevent law enforcement from discriminating against a person riding a motorcycle or wearing motorcycle-related paraphernalia without probable cause... in other words, just because we choose to ride motorcycles and wear leather.

don't assume we are doing something wrong. I listened as bikers went office to office, hallway to hallway, speaking with legislators and staff about issues concerning the motorcycle community, leaving information sheets for them to review and tasty treats to eat. I watched as food and humor were used as an icebreaker to explain that bikers are people who ride motorcycles, our leather tells a story about who we are, places we have been, causes near to our hearts and friends we have lost. I was impressed at the cooperation within the biker community to come together to be heard and as biker organizations were recognized for their work in the State.

Congratulations to all the groups who worked together for a successful day and progress made at the State Capitol. The fight is not over; your support is needed to get this bill passed. Spread the word, be a part of the Legislative Brigade to get this bill passed. Call or email your Senators and House Representatives in support of Oklahoma Senate Bill 1457 - Motorcycle Anti-Profiling.

Sooner State ABATE is Oklahoma's motorcycle rights organization leading the



charge with outposts across the state. This is a family-friendly group dedicated to preserving your individual freedom and promoting motorcycle safety. They are a membership run, non-profit organization of motorcycle enthusiasts who work to protect your biker rights. They work with other groups within the motorcycle community to get things done. Sooner State ABATE is currently working on Senate Bill 1077 - Modifies Allowances Related to Motorcycle Lighting, Senate Bill 1277

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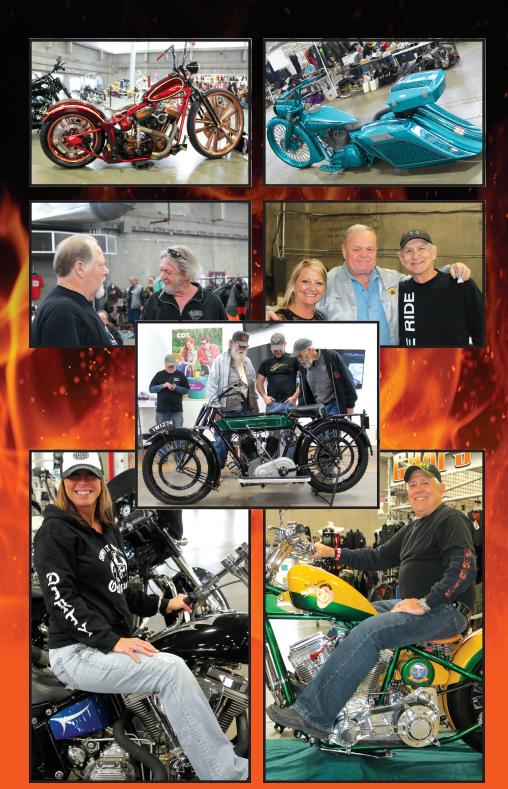












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