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I was asked last October, "How do you winterize your motorcycle for winter in Oklahoma?" I explained it is appropriate to put fresh fuel and fluids in them, and to hook them to a battery tender is likewise a good idea. You don't want to store them in mothballs because in Oklahoma we commonly have decent enough weather to ride year-round. This year is no exception. As I write this on Valentine's Day, we have had very little inclement weather this year. Still, you know how Oklahoma weather is...you may be knee deep in snow as you read this Ragazine.

It was 80+ degrees last weekend, and Cheryl and I rode out around Skiatook Lake. Looking at my odometer I realized I had ridden this motorcycle less than 600 miles in the past year. Those of you who remember my old FXR know I rode that motorcycle at least 25,000 miles annually. Contemplating the difference in mileage I am determined to ride my motorsickle more often in 2017.

There are lots of events going on in the next couple of months. I plan to attend many of them like the Hogs 4 Service Dogs and Hogs for Hunger rides. The Humble Road Church is giving away a motorcycle at their annual birthday party this year. I could use another motorsickle, so I may ride across the Osage County Prairie to Bartlesville, and attend their birthday party. While I am in Bartlesville I

can eat lunch in Frank Lloyd Wright's only skyscraper, the Price Tower. I have been wanting to do that for several years.

One event I am looking forward to this year is the Steel Horse Rally in Fort Smith, AR. This event continues to grow year after year, and we are planning to be a part of it this year. Discoveryland is hosting their second motorcycle rally in May. This event is so close to Tulsa, I don't see how it can fail, especially with such amazing rally grounds.

Bike nights will be kicking off soon. Many of the best bike nights are no longer in existence. Where are people going during the week? Where are the best bike nights in Oklahoma? Please let us know by sending us an email to: events@oklahomabiker.net Tell us why you believe a bike night is worth mentioning in our next issue of Oklahoma Biker. Until then, we will see you in the wind!

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

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Bird's Eye View



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Oh there's the little one, he always waves at me.

"Hi little one!"

Yes, "gurgle, blah, blah, growl to you too." Ha, ha, ha. That's fun.

There's my limb. I think I'll take a little rest.

"Ahhh."

Here comes the pretty one. She seems excited. I wonder what's going on. Wait, what is that?

Oh! It's the big one – and he's got a new shiny! Wonderful! The big one sure loves his shiny. He likes to wash it and make it shinier. After he and the pretty one get on it and go away for a while. Sometimes I follow above them but the shiny goes faster than I can, so I just come back here and wait. They always come back.

They really are great. Even though they can't fly, I think they're neat. The big one is showing the pretty one his new shiny.

I want to see it. I want to see the new shiny.

"I'm coming!"

Oh, my stomach. This is why I don't eat centipedes – oh my...uh oh.

"I'm sorry, big one! I didn't mean to mess up your shiny."

"Do you hear that stupid bird, Sally? He pooped on my brand new bike and now he is chirping away about it. I have half a mind to go and get my rifle and shoot that stupid bird!"

Oh, the big one is talking to me. He must've forgiven me. "Thank you big one! It is a beautiful shiny!"

Yes, I do have a grand life. I sure love my family.

What is your perspective? Something to think about in the wind.





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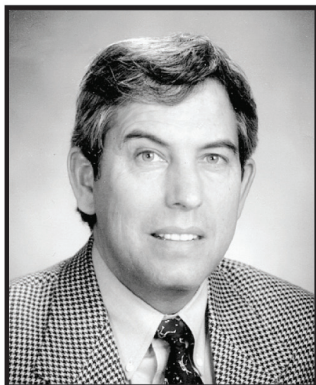
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HOGS 4 SERVICE DOGS RESCUE RIDE POKER RUN

What if you could save an animal from a kill shelter? What if that same animal could be trained as a service dog to help those with special needs? This is exactly what Marj Satterfield does to make a difference.

Within five minutes of talking to Marj, AKA "The Dog Trainer", you can tell she has passion! Not only for dogs but also for people, especially those with special needs. Her favorite quote is, "Dog is God spelled backwards!" She knows that these animals, when properly trained and maintained, can truly be an answered prayer. Because there is such a huge need for service dogs, she has found the waiting list to be long and overwhelming! After training dogs for over 43 years, she often struggles with a demand that outweighs the source. Her ability to provide this special service is limited and she needs the funding to expand her facility and to maintain the care of more animals. Marj needs our help!

On Saturday, April 15, she will be hosting the 5th annual "Hogs 4 Service Dogs" rescue ride poker run. First stop will be held at Glad Wags Training Center in the middle of the Fontana Shopping Center at 51st and Memorial in Tulsa. Registration is only \$25 for the first rider and \$10 for a passenger. Extra poker hands can be purchased for just \$5 more. It will begin at 9 am, KSU by 10 am (in between runs TBD.) The final stop will be at the American Legion post #1 at 1120 East 8th in Tulsa with last bike in at 6 pm. This after party will have live music from the band ONG, food, and an open bar. News channel 8's host, Erin Christy will be the emcee and will be



raffling off lots of cool prizes. High hand will pay \$500 and low hand \$250, there will also be a wall of money where you will be encouraged to buy an envelope and match the dollar amount spent to a gift of equal or greater value. Some of the prizes donated include a gun safe and a 9mm Smith and Wesson. Even though this is a motorcycle focused run, all vehicle participation is welcome.

Marji knows first hand the love her service dogs receive but she is constantly amazed by their abilities to change human lives; not only the life of the individual in need, but of the entire family. For more information about these incredible animals, and to read more about what Marj does, please visit her website at Gladwagsservicedogs.org. [1]

- Cheri Pogue



I can see Spring from here!

I wanted to be the first to wish you all a Merry Christmas for 2017! Now don't get all pissy about it, I'm just having a little fun and trying to stay ahead of Walmart and the Dollar General. Speaking of the holiday that seems to last all year long in the minds of the retailers, I'm not going to tell you that your Christmas lights should already be down..... but, could you at least stop turning them on at night like you got some hot beachside Tiki bar thing working? (Yes, I have that neighbor, still has them up, still turns them on every night). I mean for God's sake, how long do we really need to stretch this holiday out for? It already runs from Halloween to Valentine's day (I guess).

Anyhow, what kind of fresh Hell has this winter been? 70 degrees one day and 20 degrees the next! We have even had several of those "Okie" thermostat days at the shop, you know, the one that starts with the heat on and ends with the AC kicking in. You just got to love this place!!

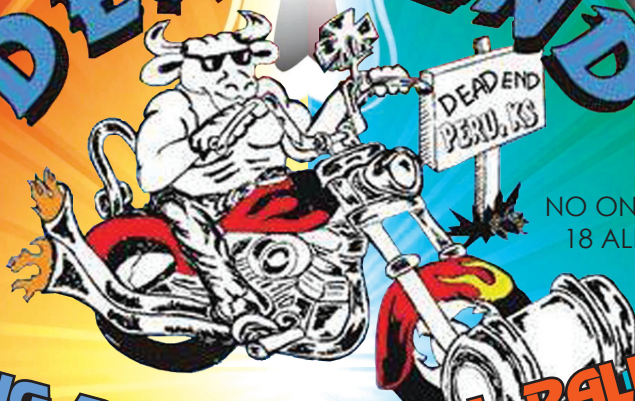
So I'm sure that some of "seasonal" riding friends have had to sit all gloomy faced at the window (maybe getting a little taste of Windex now and then) watching those of us who didn't put our bikes away until "next season" as we have been taking full advantage of the every other day spring like riding weather. It's been a great winter in that aspect with stellar days to ride and even some late night/overnight temps that would warrant riding.

With the riding "season" approaching us like a runaway freight train, here's couple of tips to keep in mind when pulling the bike out of hibernation or for you winter riding rebels. Check your tire pressure and inspect the side wall for dry rot. Some of you have had the same tire on for several years (must be nice!). If you run a bagger, have a friend, buddy, Brother give you a hand rolling the bike since most of the tire is obscured inside the fender. Test your battery! I don't care if it was on a tender all "off season", it's electrical and shit happens. Take it to your local parts place and they should check it for you for free. Better to find it at home than on the side of the road during a trip (or when you take it off the trailer if that be the case). Check the drive belt. It's got little bumpy things that hook into the sprocket/ pulley thing on the back wheel. They too will dry rot and then the little bump things fall off and then you're stuck. Last but damn sure not least, check all the fluids. Oil (or 710 for some of you), primary, trans and hey, how about the brake fluid too! If this is about your skill set, take it over to your local bike shop of your choosing and have them give it good once over for you.

Ride 'em if ya got one!

- Tank

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Mountain Gate Poker Run

Do you need to get away but your wallet won't let you go too far? Maybe you just won the lottery and need to ditch all the crazy relatives? I may have your solution! How about riding the asphalt ribbon of southeast Oklahoma to the Talimena National Scenic Byway? The Talihina Chamber of Commerce welcomes you to join the 10th Annual Mountain Gate Poker Run on Saturday, April 8. This ride will take you through Bigfoot Mountain Pass west into Clayton and back up the heart-stopping valley to Talihina. You must be 18 or older to participate but all forms of transportation is welcome (as long as you can travel 125 miles in 7 hours, that is). Better leave Milford the pack mule at home.

This amazing run will take you down gorgeous scenic valleys and the curves of the Winding Stair and the Kiamichi Mountains. With each hug of road and over every endless pass, you will find it just a little more breathtaking than the one before. This is a chance to forget your stress and fly as free as the wind will carry you. Registration will begin at 8 am at Pam's Hateful Hussy Diner, 304

Dallas St, Talihina, OK (Downtown) First bike out at 9 am, last bike out at noon. Poker hands will be \$30 and includes a free meal at the last stop. The after party will take place at Chuck's Classic Cycles 15732 SE Highway 2 at 5 pm in Tuskahoma (in between stops TBD). Over \$1,000 in cash prizes will be awarded plus a raffle, a \$200 Dead Man's Hand drawing, a silent auction, t-shirts, a scavenger hunt and more. And if it rains, this event will be rescheduled for one week later on April 15, so hit up your weather man before heading out. All proceeds go to the Talihina Chamber of Commerce: they do great things, including running the Visitors Center. This center insures that tourists stay informed of all the super fun things this beautiful area offers to entertain the public. Check out Mountaingatefunrun.com for more details or call Ms. Vera at (918) 567-3434, she will tell you about all the incredible spring foliage as you travel through the Washata National Forest and can even give you some ideas on where to stay if you wish to spend the night.

- Cheri Pogue



Mark your calendars for March 31st! It's time for the 13th annual Thunder Roadhouse Run! There will be 3 days of entertainment and it all starts at the Thunder Roadhouse Cafe at 900 West Memorial Road in Oklahoma City. Come out and do a little betting even on Day one. The Thunder Roadhouse Cafe is the only off-track betting facility in the area; there's a full-service bar where you can grab a drink, kick back and watch the races. On Day Two, there will be a bike show, live music from the "Stockyard Boys", Chicken Crap Bingo, a silent auction, 50/50, and a raffle for a custom built motorcycle(!!) On April 2, the Stockyard Boys kick off the Thunder Roadhouse Run: registration starts at 10 am with kick stands up at 11. Run fees are \$20 for the first rider and \$10 per passenger. At each stop, you will receive a ticket for a chance to win amazing top quality prizes, AND you can also purchase tickets for a chance to win a 2017 Indian Scout motorcycle to be drawn at the end of the run. Last stop will be a return visit to the Thunder Roadhouse Cafe with the last bike in at 5 pm.

This event is hosted by the Billygoat Foundation. Every year, they pick a

family that has a child who has been diagnosed with cancer to donate 50% of all of their proceeds directly to that family. The other 50% are given to the Oklahoma Brain and Tumor Foundation, who not only do cancer research to help find a cure for these children, they also help multiple families at any given time. No child should have cancer; it's bad enough when your baby is diagnosed with this horrible disease but dealing with the emotional and financial struggles on top of it can almost be too much for the strongest of us to handle. The OTBF is a non-profit organization that do as much as they can to offer these families relief.

The Thunder Roadhouse Run is one of the largest spring bike rallies in the state and it finds charity everywhere (even the beer tents are run by charity organizations). There are close to 50 vendors with food, drinks and souvenir items, all ages and all vehicles are welcome and this is a rain or shine event.

Contact Eric at 405.520.7060 for more information or visit their website at Thunderroadhouserun.com to make a donation. Every penny helps.

- Cheri Pogue

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At first glance, this 6 foot, 265 pound biker might seem a little intimidating, but for those who know this guy, they see a very different view. Meet Tim Lawson. He's done so much for his fellow man, but he wants no accolades. He just wants to feed the hungry vets in Oklahoma.

Which is where his organization, Hogs for Hunger comes in. H4H is donating food to the VFW, American Legion and the Coffee Bunker food banks this year, something Tim feels very strongly about. "These people gave everything for our freedom and they should never have to go without food." Tim's father was a veteran and no vet should go hungry. Ever.

Last year, Tim donated over 213 pounds of crawfish to those who participated in the H4H food drive (and even cooked it himself). This year, he will be hosting a fish fry with fish that he and Shannon Key (w/K&S Electric) caught themselves. Tess Oxford will be serving up some of her famous potato salad, along with other unforgettable sides to compliment the meal. But wait, there's more! Participants will receive a Magic Ticket upon registration and at each stop along the ride. These tickets will go into a drawing at the last stop for a chance to win prizes (we thought that potato salad was one dangit). Someone (you?) is going to have to make room in their driveway for a motorcycle - last year, a 1979 Harley Davison Iron Head was donated by Dee Manatowa and perfected to riding condition by Chuck Newberry, so we can't WAIT to see what's this year's big prize is (I'm holding out for that salad!).

Tim estimates that over 200 bikers

attended last year and he hopes to *triple* that number this year; he wants this to be as big as the Toy Run, only with the gift of food instead. He asks that everyone donate at least 10 pounds of non perishable food (no money please).

Hogs For Hunger takes place on April 8, registration is at noon at the American Legion Post #1 at 1120 E 8th St in Tulsa. Final stop will be at VFW Post #7441 at 2020 Hwy 48 in Mannford and is where the drawings and free meal will be, with in-between stops TBA. If you need to deliver food early, four locations will be announced prior to the run - call (918) 904-3633 for details.

Bikers bring in some of the highest charity donation revenues in the U.S. but many of our food banks are dry. "Have you ever missed a meal? I have. Along with my beautiful wife, Mrs. D, I vow to do everything within my power to feed those that are hungry. We can't change the world, but with your help, we can change the world around us."

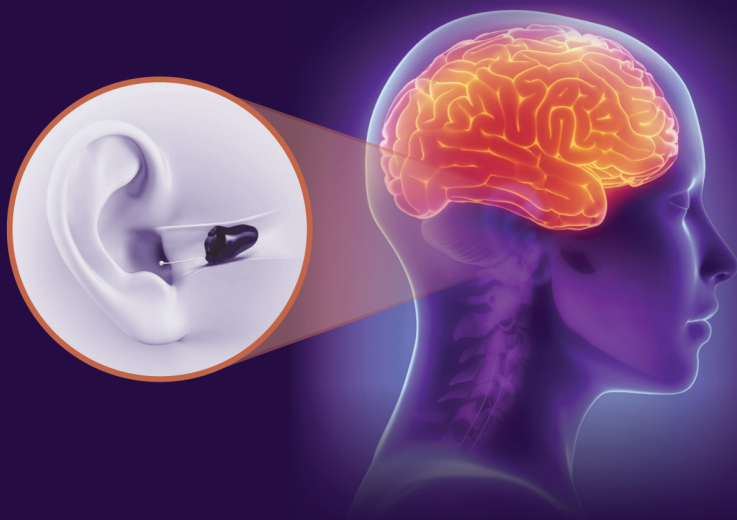
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If you've been reading this rag a while, you've probably seen the Humble Road Church ad a time or two. Maybe you checked out a Sunday service, gave Pastors Jeff and/or Candy a call during a bad time, or checked out one of their previous anniversary parties. Maybe you've done nothing - and if this is you, we are giving you a shot at redeeming a wrong...and maybe winning a new ride, but the big win comes from the knowledge you'll get from knowing you did something great for the local community.

So what are we asking you to do and why should you get out and do it? Good question. On April 8, Humble Road Church in Bartlesville celebrates their SIXTH anniversary, which is a big deal, but they are GIVING YOU the gifts. They are having a silent auction, a poker run, bike games, a bike show, vendors with plenty of biker-friendly wares and food for a nominal fee, BUT, what really caught our eye is the Sickle Raffle; for only \$5, you can buy a raffle ticket for a motorcycle that you will own free and clear WHEN they draw your name (gotta be positive and we're pulling for you). This is not a national raffle; there will only

be 2,000 tickets available locally, so it's a good chance that you will be the lucky ticket holder (for tickets, contact Pastor Candy at (918) 766-2146). We even have it on good authority that they might have buzzard legs cooking up (that got your attention, didn't it?).

The party spills over into Sunday where Pastors Jeff and Candy will be dishing up more tasty treats for old and new friends and their neighbors; it will be a more relaxed day to attend and make more friends while you learn what Humble Road is all about. Sunday is also when they announce to everyone that you won your new ride! Good thing you brought your Brothers and Sisters along to help you get it home. Even on the off chance you didn't win a bike, you'll take home some inner peace. And you can never have too much of that.

What is most important to know about Humble Road's Anniversary is how they spend the funds they raise. All the money is used to repair and/or expand HRC to better provide for your brethren. This year's funds are being used to build-out the Student Youth Ministry and makeover the nursery. So grab your colors and Brothers and come out for two days of good times, good people, a free ride and a full belly. Leave with a full heart and a new way of living your life through service to the Lord. As Humble Road's slogan goes, "Lovin' the Hell out of people" is what they do.

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We always get a little insanely happy over Sparks America Opening Weekend bash, but hey, they host it over St. Patrick's Weekend (Mar. 16-19), they give FREE BEER to the first attendees, they've got more fun than we deserve (take a vacay day the following Monday – you'll need it) and the weather is perfect for riding, camping and partying around the campfire.

In the true spirit of a devious little Irish green guy, the ladies at Sparks have been stuck inside, high on caffeine for months, dreaming up all kinds of games, contests

and party themes you're sure to love. You might line your pockets with a few bills to boot too. They'll have karaoke Mar. 16, bands playing Mar. 17-18 to really kick the party into high gear, and if you find the Lucky Leprechaun, a cool \$50 could be yours. And topping it all off, if you can find a way to wear everything green you own, you could have a few more bucks in your pocket because they want to see how green you'll go for their green.

But, in spite of all this party excitement, Sparks wants to leave you with another piece of info: Sparks America is not a 'Biker-only' party place where anything goes. No, Sparks is still a party place, but they are committed to showing everyone a good time, no matter their affiliations, what they ride, who they are or who they hang with. So please leave your glass containers, weapons, need for speed, crappy attitude, hate, kids, dogs and cranky friends at home. No one wants to get away for the weekend with a 'whiney bitch' (it's a word, we checked). And no one likes to go home with big holes in them either, so come out, drink some beers, have some laughs because this Sparks America is color blind to all colors except for the ones on the American flag.

Find out more about the St. Patrick's Weekend Bash at www.sparksamericacampgrounds.com, or call (918) 866-2543. They still have very few cabins left (call SOON!), a few golf carts for rent, and camping spaces, but some folks reserved their spots last year, so get going if you want to come out and welcome spring in Sparks America. Drive safe and we'll see you there!

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Steel Horse Rally Roars into Fort Smith



The 3rd Annual Steel Horse Rally is “taking it to the streets,” roaring into downtown Fort Smith, Arkansas May 5th & 6th, 2017. The charity motorcycle rally is open to all riders and is dedicated to military, veterans, law enforcement and first responders. Once again, this event raises money for local charities that are geared toward helping veterans and children.

The Heroes Salute, a ceremony at the Fort Smith National Cemetery, is now an official part of the Steel Horse Rally. Immediately following the ceremony, there will be a special motorcycle ride to Garrison Avenue.

“We wanted to honor all who serve,” said Steel Horse Rally Inc. President Dennis Snow.

“I think this event will mean a lot to all

fellow veterans.”

Motorcycle riders will once again be able to park on the center line of Garrison Ave., one of the widest main streets in America starting at 6:30 p.m. on Friday and 11:00 a.m. on Saturday. A large portion of this main street between 5th and 10th streets will be open exclusively to motorcycle traffic.

This year on Saturday, May 6th, experience the all new Steel Horse Alley on 9th Street. To attend the concerts and events at the Steel Horse Alley and have full access to the Steel Horse Rally Handle Bar, a minimum charitable donation of \$5 per person (age 21 and up) is suggested. Special VIB (Very Important Biker) packages will also be available soon. For more information, e-mail info@TheSteelHorseRally.com or visit www.TheSteelHorseRally.com

On Saturday, May 6th, some of the incredible entertainment includes Scattered Hamlet and Bobaflex who is known for "Bury Me With My Guns On." Bobaflex is touring in support of a soon to be released cover of Pink Floyd's "Hey You."

The Steel Horse Rally Thunder though the Valley Motorcycle Parade stages at 3 p.m. Saturday at Fort Smith Park and goes kickstands up at 4 p.m. The parade route takes riders right past the Steel Horse Alley Stage and underneath



a huge American flag in downtown Fort Smith ending on Garrison Avenue, where bikers can park motorcycles in the middle of the street. The 3rd Annual Miss Steel Horse Rally Bikini Contest is scheduled for 8 p.m. Saturday on the Steel Horse Alley Stage. Other rally events include poker runs, a birds of prey show, Vendor Village, and the Steel Horse Rally Bike Show. For more information, visit www.TheSteelHorseRally.com or e-mail info@TheSteelHorseRally.com

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If you travel to the Kansas-Oklahoma state line, to a town called Peru, you might meet a wonderful lady named Debbie Salsman who can tell you of all the excitement her town has to offer, but the greatest, in her opinion, is the Dead End Rally held twice a year, Thursday - Sunday, June 8-11 and October 6-9. On the first day of these rallies, they host family night where all ages are welcome to attend with free admission and a cookout, a deejay and karaoke and lots of fun games (and alcohol available to purchase for the adults).

When the clock strikes midnight, it becomes 21 and over for the rest of the rally. Admission for the adult rally is only \$20 per person for the entire weekend with free primitive camping including complimentary firewood and burn barrels. Bring your coolers (no glass containers), but they have beer tents and alcohol from the Dead End Saloon available as well. Debbie tells us that it is some of the most beautiful land around - ponds, lots of shade, and it even overlooks a gorgeous valley.

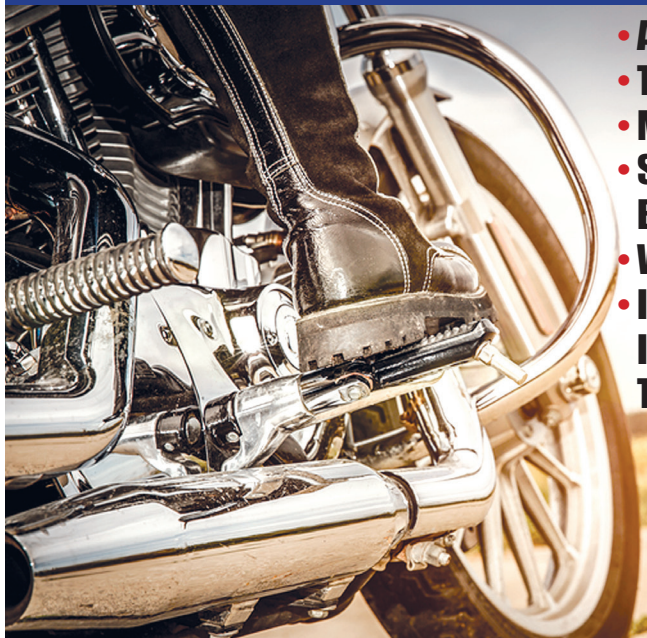
This rally is for the laid back enthusiast that wants a low-key rally. Don't sell it short on the fun factor however. There

are activities going on almost the entire time: enter your bike for the people's choice bike show, and display a little torque action with the big bad burn out pit. All vehicles are welcome and there are RV plug ins for \$25 a night. They have shower houses and portable bathroom facilities on site so you aren't too primitive. Your weekend pass will get you total access to two nights of live music provided by "Without Warning" on Friday, and "New Dynasty" on Saturday, people games and bike games (including a build-your-own bikini contest, a wet T-shirt contest, a tire drag, barrel races, a wienie bite, the butt dart, a cherry bite, the slow race, a double slow race, an in house poker hand, 50/50, a raffle and more). On the final day of the rally, there will be a horse shoe competition so don't leave too early. Win a plaque for any game and have bragging rights for life.

Dead End Rally is just five miles north of the Oklahoma state line, at 2776 Gallop Rd in Peru, Kansas, it started in 1999 and is still going strong today and they also have MAMR-Rules Mud Runs on June 17 and September 30 so come and get acquainted.

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enough, they also have \$5 "shot and a beer" combos on select drinks and very competitive bucket prices, with the buckets at Crystal Skull containing six beers instead of five. Biker-friendly with up-front bike spots, but welcomes anyone that likes to have a good time. I asked loyal customer, Allen Borchert, why the Crystal Skull was his favorite bar. He replied, "I'm not a biker but the bikers that come here always treat me with respect and I like the laid back atmosphere. And they have some of the cheapest drink prices in town." What more could you want in a bar?

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There is always something exciting going on at the Crystal Skull and the friendly staff will make sure your drinks are served quickly with a smile. Anytime activities include darts, pool, foosball, Giant Jenga, video games, four oversized televisions for your viewing pleasure and a juke box to get your groove on. One of the owners, Kevin, says, "There are always ways to have a good



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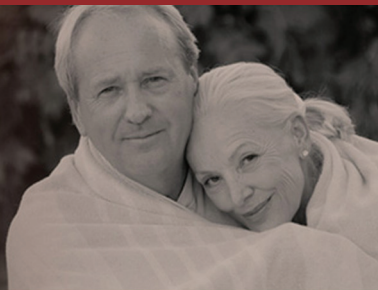
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Gold Records On the Wall and Thanksgiving in Spring



Harold Andrews Boulevard in Locust Grove is the epitome of a small town downtown. D.J.'s Diner is accompanied by several small independent businesses that make a man feel welcome and notice the endearing charms of Oklahoma culture.

When it comes to modern diners, there are many that put pictures on the walls, reminiscing about the golden nostalgia that we all have come to hold near and dear to our history and hearts. Oklahoma is a great example of how diners do it right. D.J.'s Diner stands out among others as an authentic and time-honored example, to do our memories justice and share with friends and families the atmosphere and fond memories we hold dear, without getting overly detailed just to boast the image and boost sales.

Walking in the door, I was greeted with a warm hello and taken aback by all the records on the walls and streaming from the ceiling. Unique photos, antique brands, and other miscellaneous memorabilia were scattered throughout, making a colorful and fun collage that could occupy you for hours while you await your meal (but it didn't take that long). Black and white checkered floors was just the icing on the experience.

An open kitchen and grill showcased

class and gave bona fide, old-school diner scene to the eyes. The staff were comfortable, making small-talk and sharing their most popular menu items. The burger was hailed enthusiastically among locals and reviewers alike, among other emblematic time-honored diner fare, but Thanksgiving dinner was in my crosshairs on this fine February afternoon. It was truly a feast fit for a king. Turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, green beans, cranberry sauce and warm rolls with butter filled the plate to the brim at a modest price. The meal was so filling that my pumpkin pie had to be packed for the road. It was great pumpkin pie too!

A lot of care goes into the preparation and service at D.J.'s Diner. It was impressive and a very enjoyable experience, and it didn't come close to breaking the bank. The staff were friendly and accommodating. The casual trappings and surroundings made me feel like I was part of an era, now long past but not lost or forgotten.

Known locally as "the best place to eat in town" by many, it surpassed its reputation. I can't wait to try the burger next time. As many others, I have to try the burger at any acclaimed restaurant to see what all the hype is or isn't. I'm sure at D.J.'s I won't be disappointed.

- Benjamin White





2017 - HIKE!

Happy New Year and welcome to 2017! I hope you all had a great and wonderful and safe Holiday season. I wish you the best of luck on your resolutions for the New Year. The weather was real nice to get in some Christmas and New Years Eve/Day riding for those of us who don't put our bikes away for the season in October. It was in the 60's and 70's up here in North East Oklahoma and I got in a couple trips around the lake done in between family, food and football. One thing did catch my eye as I was riding and it got me wondering so I figured since this is the slow time of the year, that I'd write about some things that make me wonder.....

First off, since many of those people that don't ride all year, ride touring bikes (because that's what everyone else at the office rides), I wondered if they ever face the dilemma of how to set the clock in their fairing? Do they just not worry about it? Do they never notice this because the bike is parked before the time change and remains there until after it changes

again? Do they take it to the dealership to have them do it (to be sure that changing it won't void the warranty)? I don't know, but it made me wonder.

Along with the holiday season comes a bunch of football. I watched a bunch of it this year and a few thing things grabbed my attention and made me scratch my head. Why in the Hell does the Goodyear Blimp (and the other one, I think it's Met Life) cover football games that are held in domes? I mean, really? What does it cover other than a great shot of the top of the dome and the parking lot and surrounding area adjacent to the stadium? What a waste of fuel and man hours. I don't know, but it makes me wonder.

Why can't a full grown athlete take a water bottle and squeeze and get his own drink? Why do they need Bobby Boucher (water boy) running from player to player dispersing high quality H2O into these super fit, in shape athletes? I know when I was playing that I hated this and preferred to water myself. I don't know, but it makes me wonder.

I see a trend of coaches and players that can't chew their gum with their mouths closed. What's the deal with this? My Mom would have slapped my face off if I ever chewed like that. I do understand chewing the hell out of some gum, but damn, you don't have to look like Mr. Ed doing it. I'd hate to have to eat a meal with these guys. And now Gatorade has a new protein bar out that I guess can only be eaten if you cram half of the bar in your mouth and then try to sing a song with all your team mates. I was raised to chew with my mouth shut and not to talk with food in my mouth. I don't know, but it makes me wonder.

Is it just me or does anyone else hate little kids in commercials? I get it, you want to showcase your kids and grandkids. But 9 out of 10 times, I can't

understand what they are saying. I saw a commercial this year that included sub titles for the cute little guy but chances are, if I can understand what you're selling, I'm probably not going to buy it. I don't know, but it makes me wonder.

And last on the list is the people that answer all the stupid "let's get to know each other" questions on Face Book. Most people don't realize that this is not a good thing to do, it puts waaaaay to much of your info out there in cyber land. Think about this, where did you go to high school, what was your first pets name, favorite color, favorite song, what year did you graduate, what is your home town..... sound familiar? These are the same questions used for back up security for your passwords. I saw one not long ago that asked if your bank balance was your social security number, what would your bank balance be? And yes, people actually answered that. Wake up people, think before you type. Sometimes I just wonder.

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