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Those of you making the annual pilgrimage to Sturgis be sure to watch out for the critters. I am told there are record numbers of deer in that area this year. Anyone feeling sorry for me because I can't go to Sturgis can bring me a tee shirt. My size is, well, a medium in my chest and an extra-large in my belly, so overall, I just settle on a Large. Sucks to be built like a pyramid. However, it sure beats the hell out being skinny from drug use.

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Larry was a shoe shine boy in a barbershop when he was young. With the money he earned he bought his first motorbike...a Cushman Eagle. He was addicted immediately, and has owned several motorcycles since that

time. When he was riding Cruisers he never wore a helmet, but when his grandson started riding with him, he decided he would wear a helmet since his grandson had to wear one. Early in 2015, Larry got hit from behind near Stilwell, and knocked into a ditch. He says the full faced helmet saved his pretty face. He believes helmets are a personal choice, and should not be mandated by law. "Everyone should be able to choose," he says.

Talihina / Broken Bow / Poteau areas are his favorite rides, but he says you can't rule out Black Mesa, either. Sometimes he would ride more than 200 miles over roads previously ridden just to cover 50 miles of highway he had not previously

ridden. He usually rides alone, but will sometimes ride with his son and brother, who both ride Harleys. Preferring to pack food and water over stopping at restaurants (and never going to bars), Larry has met lots of interesting people while dining at parks and rest stops.

Larry wanted to give a shout out to Pat McDonald, and the guys in the service department, Brent and Cody, at K&N Yamaha, for keeping him safe and on the road.

Where is Larry Sawyer going next? He says he will be traveling to County Museums across the state. Be sure to watch for his upcoming adventures in Oklahoma Biker!





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Run, hide, tell

By Tank

Every day I'm simply amazed at how the world is changing around me. I don't think it's always for the good and I'm not really too fond of the results.

Let's start with the "Greatest Show on Earth." After 146 years of entertaining us with "Ladies and Gentlemen and children of all ages," the Big Top has gone silent. While this is not the end of the world, this is truly an end of an era! I guess the "Greatest Show on Earth" just can't hold up to the level of quality entertainment our electronic-deviceobsessed, fidget-spinner-having, safeplace-needing youth of today need. It's such a shame - I remember going to the Ringling Brothers Circus, being in awe of the show; the lions, tigers and elephants were incredible! The Ringmaster, the trapeze and all those clowns. All gone by the wayside, now it's just a memory that I share with my grandkids. It truly is one of

the "Greatest Losses on Earth". Farewell to the Big Top!

I ran across a tidbit the other day that just melted my mind. In case you are stuck in an ambush-style attack, the London Metropolitan Police strongly suggest that you "Run, Hide and Tell." Yep, that's right! Run like a bitch! It says to "Run to a place of safety" or, if there is nowhere to go, "Hide," it says, but first, "put your phone on silent and turn off the vibrate mode" (I'm thinking if you have to run or hide, you're not going to have the presence of mind to put your phone on silent) and "barricade yourself in." Last but not least, call the police, because you know they'll show up and shoot the shit out of everything within two city blocks (and arrest everyone with a patch on...... Ummmm, let's not forget Waco). See how that works for you...... I guess growing a set of balls and defending yourself, your family, your friends, your town, your freedoms and your country is out of the question. I'm thinking that while you're hiding, you could change your Facebook profile picture and let everyone know what kind of show pony you **really** are, make it one of those with a flag filter of the country (you know, a country you've heard of but most likely can't find on a map) and show how much you REALLY stand with those folks! Of course this only applies to a country other than the United States: if it's here at home, maybe you could start planning more gun control legislation and while you're at it, start thinking of a way to remove some historical monuments and stuff.

And last but not least. I was at a bike rally and saw a whole new level of shit that confuses me. Picture if you will..... A pickup truck, with a golf cart in the back,

pulling a toy hauler (which I did confirm had an \$80,000 Show Pony Bike-ish thing on the back). Long story short, unload the golf cart, set up the camper. unload the Show Pony (and park it front of that big ass show trailer) and spend the weekend riding around on the cart with your "BROS". For the love of God! What happened here?

I think after all this mind-numbing "Snowflakedness" (yep, made that one up, feel free to use it), I think I'm going to head to my "special place" (the gun range) and spend some quality time with my kids and grandkids, teaching the young ones safety and proper handling of a firearm and sending lead down range with the older ones so that if the need surfaces.....

We don't have to run, hide and tell.



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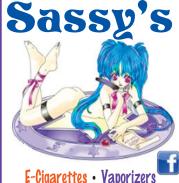
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Bike Nights. They mean something a bit different to everybody, but the overall theme is the same. I think about the Tulsa Boyz playing music outside of Joe's Crab Shack with the water as a backdrop and I can still hear the music and smell the crablegs. Or visiting with friends on the deck at Cimarron Bar and looking out at the motorsickles all lined up out front. Eating steak on Friday nights at **Blues City** was always a good party; I can hear the noise around me of everybody talking, music playing and I can smell beer and the aroma of red meat cooking. Or one of my favorites, riding through the countryside, doing an impromptu Bug Run out to Jamesville Y Bar, the winner getting his beer paid for by the losers...and yes, there were some heated arguments about who won. After all, we are talking about FREE BEER, right? I can smell the back roads, the honeysuckle in spring, and the road kill in late summer.

Bike Nights provided us a reprieve from our daily grind and allowed us to get out and spend the evening riding our motorsickles with our brothers and sisters after the day's heat began to wane. It was a time when we weren't accepted everywhere, and we knew it, but we didn't care. We had brotherhood...

and that was enough. These are your people. You may not talk to someone for a minute, but you see a sign for a Bike Night and decide to find your friends. Or you saw them yesterday and want to try a new watering hole. No matter what your reasons, there's no bad time to get on your motorsickle for a ride.

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AAAA! Thunderbird Stars and Stripes is BAAAACK!

By Amy Addams



Last year, we got in on the first annual **Thunderbird AAAA Stars and Stripes Motorcycle Poker Run** (Army Aviation Association of America or 'Quad A'; their goal is to help Oklahoma families of soldiers with education, ceremonies and contribute to annual military balls so all military can attend), and last year's Run was a BLAST. So much so, they are ready to rumble for 2017 with a few changes to streamline their processes, but all the perks are still yours for the taking. They even added a few surprises to the trip, so missing this year's Run would be all kinds of wrong.

We spoke with organizer, **Donnie Eldridge** (he read all of the suggestions made last year and actually implemented many of them), "We streamlined the check-in for 2017; all participants will have everything ready to go in one bag when they check-in this year, including the tee-shirt, so we hope that helps and we've put the route on our Facebook page." Quad A has left all the best parts

of their run unchanged; \$25 per rider, \$20 for a passenger (or an extra hand), and you could win more than the pot. You could win a ride in a Blackhawk helicopter along with three of your closest friends. If you prefer to bypass the whole poker component, you could donate your way into a ride in the Blackhawk while doing something wonderful to help a great cause because Quad A is giving a ride to sponsors who pony up to their cause. We bet the farm that it's worth it for a ride in a Blackhawk. You get a tax break and a reward for helping your military brethren all at once. Who else does that?

What's different in 2017? Well, for one, they've pushed the date further back into the month. This year's Poker Run is happening July 29. The route is on Facebook, so there are no surprises, as are all the forms you'll need to participate. New for 2017, you'll have more time to park your ride in front of the Blackhawk and snap a photo (or 50) to commemorate two hot rides that go together like peanut butter and jelly. They've been allotted parking at OneOK Field right in front for the game after the Run so you get PRIMO parking after



you do a cruise around the stadium and Donnie has a few surprises up his sleeve he won't tell anybody about. We begged and begged, but all he would say is there would be pretty women involved. I don't know what a movie has to do with it, but whatever.

We can tell you that if you sign-up early and 'Like and Share' on their Facebook page, you get an extra shot at a Blackhawk ride (and you get to ride IN the Blackhawk, we checked), so your hair won't get messed up or nothin'. Talk about having a great day....

Where else can you spend a measly \$25 for a FREE tee shirt, a photo of the love of your life (and you can take one with your spouse too) in front of a Blackhawk and a ride around Drillers field? It's all legal; no jail time, lawyers, bail to make, just legal riding in spaces you never thought you could go. If you can beat that price without needing legal counsel, we wanna hear about it. Add in the potential to win a few bucks and ride in a BLACKHAWK and we KNOW you got nothin'.

Make your donation to a great cause give a little something back to yourself. Quad A is dreaming up all sorts of ways to add more special to this year's run, so we expect that there will be more to come as the date draws near. Check out their Facebook page (AAAAStarsand-StripesMotorcyclePOKERRun) for forms, changes and new ideas. Be safe, keep an eye out for the grocery getters and if you win the Blackhawk ride, remember who told you about this Run in the first place (and who'll be your new best friend - at least until July 30). Call Donnie Eldridge for info: (918) 852-8349. Should be a BLAST.

Just in! We knew it! Donnie the chronic over-achiever did it! (And he makes us all look bad) He's planning some extra ways for you to get in on the goods while on the Run. There will be chances to get gift certificates here and there separate from the big prizes. He won't tell us more, but hey, free is free. Good luck!

Editor's Note: Here's some serious reasons to help Quad A: Did you know there are kids whose parents proudly served our great nation and now their kids can't afford to go to college, EVEN THOUGH they have the grades, the extra-curricular awards and SAT scores to attend? It all comes down to money. Quad A donates to a fund where a committee hand-selects the crème-de-lacrème of these kids each year and gifts them each an equal share of the draw from the Run. They donate these funds right before the school year starts to help pay tuition, books, housing expenses and any other needs a student has to make a good start. Does a heart good to know your contribution is going to a noble cause, doesn't it? And that's only some of the good it does! We'll have more on where the money goes on www. oklahomabiker.net on our 'blog' page, so keep tuned in and learn all about what Quad A does for our military with your generosity. Stay safe.



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Hot enough for ya? HOT SPRINGS will take it up a few degrees in September

By Amy Addams



The rally organizers in **Hot Springs** don't play when they plan their rally. Every detail, no matter how small, is planned out and posted on the internet for the **Hot Springs Rally**, scheduled for September 7-9 at the Hot Springs Convention Center. These folks are ready to rock your world; are you ready for them?

We told you about last year's Rally, and they seem to have a passion to turn up the heat even more each year. For 2017, they've lined-up specialty bike and trike manufacturers; Can-Am, Harley and



Indian are bringing their best of show for you to try out, try on and see which one makes you look prettiest of all, and they'll have all kinds of merch to really bring out the black in your pupils. Of course, there will be custom bike and trikes and a 'Vendor Mall' so start digging under the couch cushions for change for some new duds, tees, add-on chrome or parts. There is a mall for bikers? Who thought this up? Pure genius, that's who.

One of the big draws at Hot Springs is the music. This year's acts offer variety and they are even bigger than last year's. They have **Kelly Pickler** singing her way into everyone's hearts with her numerous country crooning hits. Rolling Stone named her album 100 Proof "Best Country Album of 2011" and she has so many hit songs we could fill a page with the titles, but maybe you already know "No Cure for Crazy" or "Red High Heels"? She's gone on 11 USO tours so we love her already (she ain't hard on the eyes either, so there's that). More info on Kelly can be found at www.kelliepickler.com. She'll be a little touched in the head on Friday.

Anyone over 40 knows who this band is just by hearing the title of their big song, "Jeremiah was a Bullfrog" (well, it's technically "Joy to the World"), which will now be stuck in your head the rest of the day. If you find a way to get rid of it, let us know, because we've been stuck on that song since June 3. These guys have been around for HALF a CENTURY!



Can you imagine doing the same thing for 50 years? Some of their other hits are "Shambala" and "Mama Told Me Not to Come." More of their songs can be explored at www.threedognight.com.

If you are big into the fun, games, partying and you need a great weekend getaway, we're going to suggest that you get all-access passes for the entire rally; they allow you to go where you want and are \$50 (plus fees), but worth every penny. You get to ride in the parade, the poker run, you can be in the bike show



and all the games as well as attend the concerts and a free Hot Springs commemorative tee to boot. There are \$35 passes for Rally only (no concert) or you can attend only the Vendor Mall and shop for \$5 a day. Kids under 16 attend free with a paying adult, so bring 'em along and make it a family outing. You can get all your pass stuff sorted at www.thehotspringsrally.com or go to www.facebook.com/hotspringsrally for info, updates and pictures from previous rallies. They've got lots of info on lodging, vendors and event details on their Website. If you are serious about Hot Springs Rally, you'll want to grab your tickets and make hotel reservations soon as rooms are filling fast. If you have specific questions, call (501) 282-7076 or e-mail info@thehotspringsrally.com.

We leave you with this thought:

Jeremiah was a bullfrog,
Was a good friend of mine,
I never understood a single word he said,
But I helped him drink his wine
And he always had some mighty fine
wine,
Singin'
Joy to the World,
To all the boys and girls now,
Joy to the fishes in the deep blue sea
Joy to you and me

Safe travels!



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If you want to really help some veterans this Independence Day weekend, plan on attending Bikes, Blues, and Boom.

This is the 5th year for this event and usually has over 600 entries. It is held by the 9th chapter in Missouri of a non-profit veteran charity called Combat Veteran



Association. One hundred percent of all proceeds will go to help veterans that have had honorable discharges. The money raised has gone to veterans down on their luck or to helping homeless veterans get housing so they are off the streets. They have paid utilities, rent, gas for vehicles, and bought them food. There are no criteria for the need as long as they have one!

The poker run is held on July 8 at Indigo Sky Casino located at 70220 U.S. HWY 60 on the Oklahoma/Missouri border in Wyandotte, Okla. Bikers will receive instructions and a map and will come and leave between 9 a.m. and noon in small groups for safety rather than 600 or more bikers all at once. There will be over 85 miles of riding and a total of five stops. Food will be served at every stop, so go hungry! "Last Bike In" is at 4 p.m. and will end up at the Border Town Casino and Arena located at 129 Ondida in Wyandotte. Over \$10,000 in

cash and prizes will be given away and poker hands are only \$25 a person or \$40 per couple. Additional hands can be purchased for \$5 more.

Because the noise and actual boom of fireworks can spark some unpleasant memories for many of these veterans, last stop will instead host a Military Tribute Ceremony putting that boom straight to your heart. Even though several veterans attend this run, it is open to the public and to both 2 and 4-wheeled vehicles. If you know a veteran or are a veteran yourself, please mark this one on your calendar. Your support is needed and greatly appreciated by those who helped make the freedom of this ride a possibility.

Contact Mike's Motorcycles at (417) 358-4943 for more information or check it out at www.bikesbluesandboom.com.















It's time for some more MUD Baby!

By Amy Addams



Yeah, you know what's comin'. It's dirty, loud and proud, it's 2017 MUDSTOCK. They didn't apologize last year, so don't expect any cards or flowers this year either. The folks at Sparks America are definitely of the 'go big or go home' mindset and we like it. A LOT.



So you just unpacked from Biker Summer Camp and now Mudstock, eh? Good part is you can leave your dirty socks and undies in your bags (put them outside!) and grab a pair of old jeans and an old tee-shirt and you are ready to Rock the 'Stock in 17. As before, there's ATV events, truck events, Dirt Drags and Mud Bogs, money, giveaways, raffles, free beer at the gate, dirty girls (it is a MUD RUN) and I heard NEW for 2017 they are giving out free mud facials all weekend if you bring a shovel (see Robert for details).

We aren't gonna bore you with more words, we figure a few pictures say it all. Just make sure you get in line early for one of Robert's special facials and bring a rounded scoop shovel, pick the big rocks out of your facial mud BEFORE you let him 'facial' you and if your mud smells like poo leave it.

Mudstock runs July 20-23 at Sparks America Campgrounds. For more info, check out www. sparksamericacampgrounds.com, call (918) 866-2543, or e-mail them at tcb@ sparksamericacampgrounds.com. Sparks is located at 346719 E 990 Road in Sparks, Oklahoma.



Masonic Lodge Poker Run



The Muskogee Masonic Building Association is hosting its annual Poker Run on Saturday October 7, 2017.

They will be serving an all-you-can-eat breakfast from 8 am – 10 am for only \$6. Registration for the Poker Run starts at 9 am and ends at 11 am. Cost to

participate in the Poker Run is \$25 for the first hand and \$10 for additional hands. Last bike in at 4:30 pm with prizes being awarded at 5 pm. You must be 21 or older to participate, and all street legal vehicles are welcome.

Proceeds go towards the ongoing restoration and preservation of the National Historic Masonic Temple located at 121 S 6th St. Muskogee OK. For more information, e-mail Mark McFadden at muskogeelodge28@suddenlink.net.

Don't let our local landmarks fall to ruin. Get a good breakfast, enjoy a day of fall weather while you ride with your brothers (and sisters), and still be home for supper or grab some good BBQ or wings in Muskogee.

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