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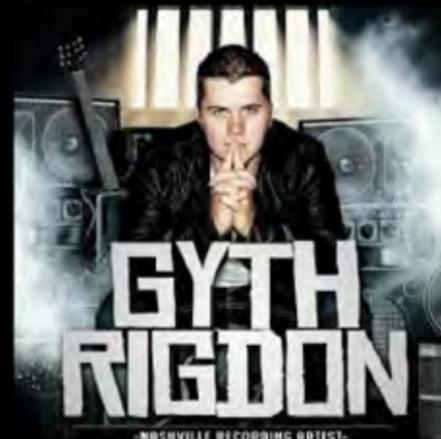
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PUBLISHER'S NOTE

As we finish up this September issue, and prepare to send it to print, people all over the state are still recovering from massive flood damage, including many members of our staff. The rains, flooding, power and communications outages have put us behind schedule, but everyone pulled together and got the job done. We took a few days beyond our normal deadline to cover the Flood, I think this is important enough to merit that. We have never been late yet, every issue has been out before the first of the month. As I submit the print order, I think we will still be on time for September. If we are late a day or two, I think it was worth it. People outside our area don't seem to realize the extent of the damage, we need to show people. Big thanks to *Jennifer Burgess* for sending us her collages of arial views of the flooding. She believes the images used had been freely distributed and fall under Fair Use, but if anyone has info on credits due, please let us know.

In other news this month, New Orleans Bike Week is finally here, September 23-25th. We have not had a major Rally since Katrina, so we are really hoping this will be a huge success. They have great plans for future growth, let's make sure that gets a chance by supporting this event now.

Susan Wallendal joins our staff this month, She was previously the Publisher of Full Throttle Louisiana, before Katrina. She has great experience, and will be helping us with sales and distribution. Welcome aboard.

Frosty



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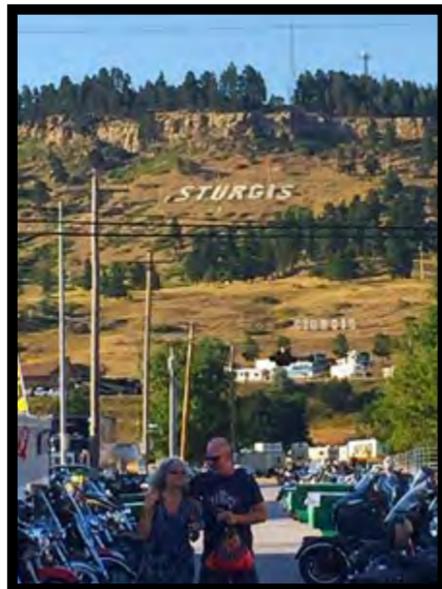
Chris Hebert and
Jocelyn Rodriguez

The 76th Annual Sturgis Motorcycle Rally took place between July 31st and August 15th of 2016. Sturgis is well outside of Louisiana, but this is the story of two Louisiana Bikers, Chris Hebert and Jocelyn Rodriguez, and their 6000 mile journey to the Rally and back. Chris is the owner of Cajun Worx in Abbeville, and Jocelyn races a Harley in AMRA drags. She is also a Field Reporter for Louisiana Biker Magazine, covering Racing and Road trips. These two spend every possible minute on the road, and they were in no hurry to get to Sturgis. In about a week and a half, they went through 18 different states, into Mexico, and came within 100 miles of entering Canada. They sent us pictures and short updates all along their route. The pictures will tell most of the story, and here are Jocelyn's notes from the road:

Sat July 30
Photo shoot at Lake Charles Harley Davidson
Took pic at Mexico border
Rode all day til Silver City, New Mexico and rested for a couple hrs

Sunday July 31
Rode through New Mexico til Grand Canyon slept in Flagstaff, Az

Monday August 1 -3
Rode to California south of Las Vegas then back to Vegas Harley, Hoover Dam was August 2nd then straight to within 100 miles of Canada. It was too cold so due to weather headed towards Spearfish but slept in Billings, Montana. Changed oil.





Thursday August 4th

Devils tower

Buffalo Chip to meet Hoka Hey guys and Shelly Toll and Jeffrey Khon that has a booth at the chip and at Black Hills Harley for her business rally fine art, Slept at their house (rental, they are from Florida) in Rapid City .

August 5th

Check in to Spearfish Holiday Inn Convention Center with the Hamsters (Arlen Ness' bike group)

August 6th

Sturgis downtown to shop vendors

Black Hills Harley to shop vendors

Rode to Mt Rushmore , Custer State Park , partial Needles Hwy.

Bad weather turned us around. Temps dropped to 50 degrees, rode to Hill City Harley and Deadwood Harley. Davidson lots of deer on the side of the rd Back to Holiday Inn for rest at 9pm

The route home was a lot more direct, Running from Minnsota to Arkansas before getting back to Louisiana. Here is the list of locations they hit:

Texas

Mexico

New Mexico

Arizona

Nevada

California

Back to Nevada

Back to Arizona top west corner

Utah

Idaho

Montana all the way north with 100 miles left to Canada we turned around it was freezing lol

Wyoming

South Dakota

Over 4K miles before we reached Sturgis

Minnesota

Iowa

Nebraska

Missouri

Kansas

Oklahoma

Arkansas

And back home Louisiana

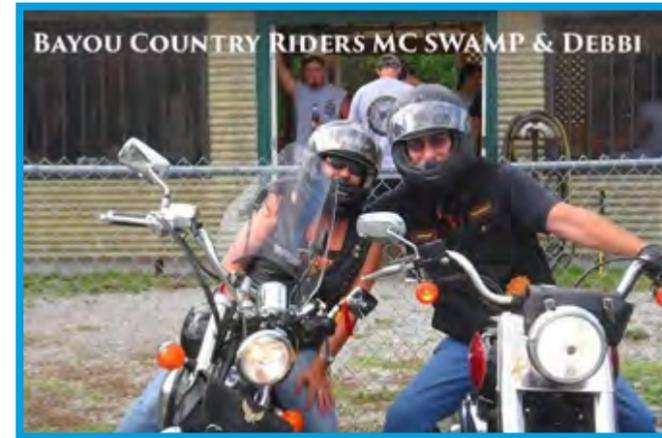
Total miles were right at 6k - 5973 miles



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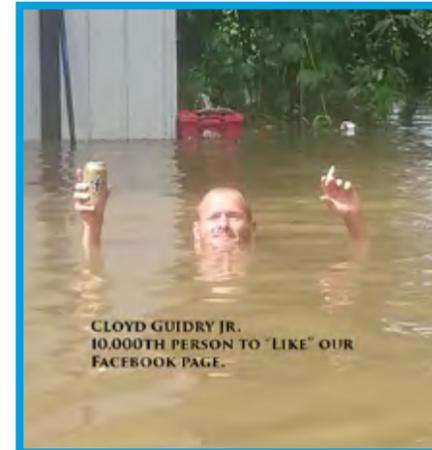
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THROTTLE BACK RALLY 2016

by Flip Flop

For three days in August, Bonnie and Clyde Trade Days was a biker's playground. Dennis Smith and Sherry Bond put together one hell of a party. Thursday morning I rolled through the gate, parked in front of the Clyde Barrow Café, and was greeted by Dennis and Sherry to help prepare for the arrival of patrons to the park. Confederates Motorcycle Club provided support for the event. Blowout Biker Productions was the master of ceremonies for the whole weekend. The weather was blistering hot, but one could cool off in the swimming pool under the pavilion or take a trip down the water slide. Rougaroo Trio provided the musical entertainment for Thursday evening. Friday the gates began to boom as bikers from all over came to enjoy the many vendors, musical entertainment, and the first ever midget Olympics. Olympic competitions consisted of a belly flop contest and a waterslide drag race. Torch, the famous biker fire entertainer, heated up the night with amazing fire stunts in preparation for the music headliner, The Kelly Hobson Band.

Saturday a little rain did not stop any of the festivities as the bike games began a little after lunch. Magnolia Brown took the stage and put on a great performance in the afternoon playing southern rock favorites. As the sun set, Torch lit up the sky again with another amazing performance, including using his bike as a blow torch. Fire blazed from his tailpipes on his HD Road Glide. The night finished off with Kelly Hobson putting on a phenomenal show for over 2 hours. As the weekend came to a close, one could make new friends and catch up with old ones around the different camps. We hope to see everyone next year same place.... first weekend in August.



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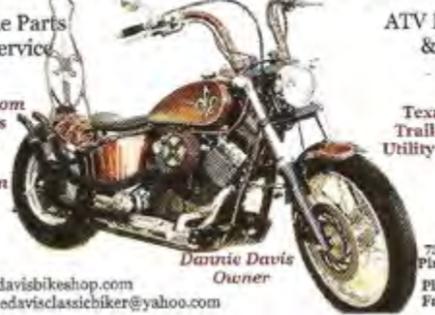
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4	5 Labor Day	6	7	8	9	10
11 Patriot Day	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22 Fall Begins	23	24
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WHAT TO KNOW ABOUT A TIRE CHANGE

with Brad Bateman

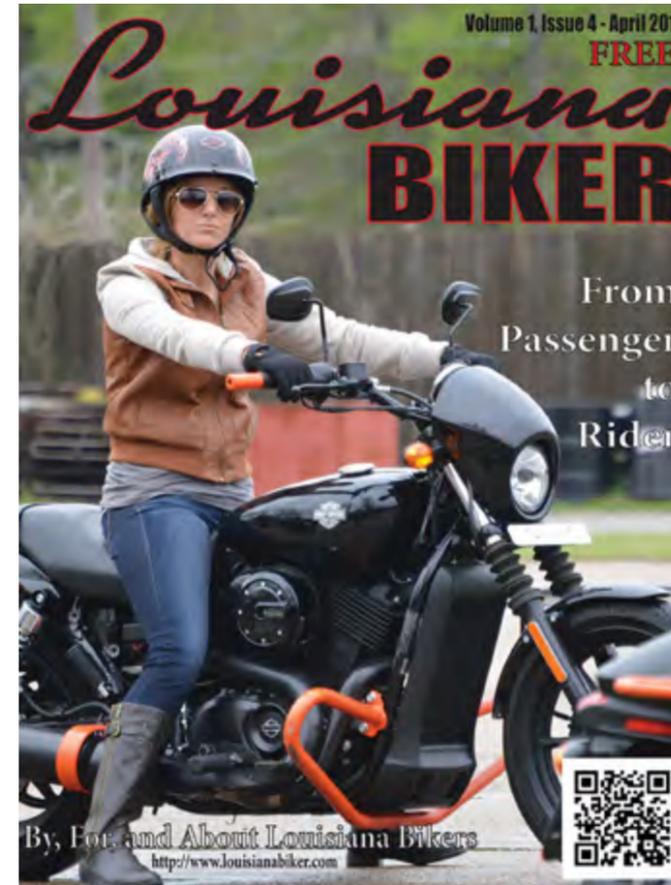
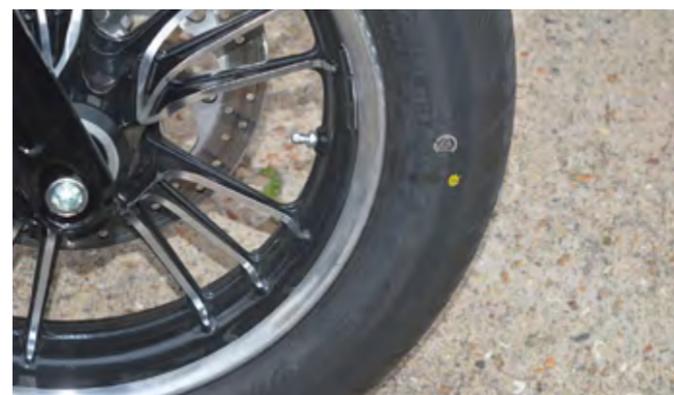
When Brad Bateman needed new tires for his bike, we invited him over to the shop to learn how to do it himself. He rode over and strapped his bike on the HiLift, and began to tear it down.

Before doing work like this, or having it done somewhere, I always recommend taking pictures. This helps you keep track of your parts, and also lets you compare before and after shots. It is surprising how often new tires come back with the same balance weights in the same location as the old tire. Also look out for tires that were balanced with the labels still stuck on.

Brad's tire was a tubeless Dunlop 100/90-19 in front, on a cast rim, which made it fairly easy for his first tire change. 100 is the width in millimeters, basically 4". 90 is the aspect ratio of height to width, 19 is the rim diameter. The tire machine makes easy work of breaking the bead, removing the old tire, and mounting the fresh rubber. When mounting the tire, you want to pay attention to any paint dots on the side of the tire. For most manufacturers, a Yellow dot indicates the light spot on the tire, and this should be lined up with the valve stem, which is normally the heavy spot on the rim. This should require less weights to balance the tire. A red dot indicates radial roll-out, those are less common on motorcycle tires.

Once properly mounted, it is time to balance the tire. We do have an electronic balancer here in the shop, but like most racers, we prefer static balancing. Gravity is very reliable. You can easily static balance a tire to within a gram, where most machines only balance to 1/4 ounce, which is about 6 grams. Also, the machines require setup and calibration, and if this is off a bit, your balance becomes less accurate. These are great on heavy car and truck tires, but for motorcycles, I always go with my stand balancer. Some people may think a shop without the machine is low tech or out of date, but for high speed and low weight, gravity is the way to go.

Once the new rear was also mounted, and everything was bolted back together, we set the belt tension with a gauge, and Brad checked the air pressure. After that he was ready to ride away, being careful for the first miles until the tires scrubbed off the slickness and were ready to give good traction.

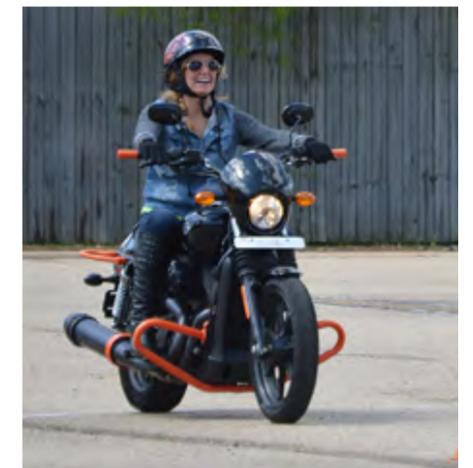


FROM PASSENGER TO RIDER... TO PASSENGER AGAIN

By Ashley Roy Jones

Beginning in our March issue, Ashley Roy Jones did a series of articles on "From Passenger to Rider". She began with the Harley Jumpstart Experience, then learned about bikes and riding gear, and completed the Harley-Davidson Riders Academy to get her endorsement. Since then, she has gotten married and moved away, but she gave us this followup on how her experiences helped her upon going back to being a passenger.

"Going from passenger, to learning to ride, to passenger again, I looked at that seat differently than I ever had before. I have a new respect for the bike and the person in control of it. I pay more attention to cars around us, obstacles in the road, whether my rider is tired, etc. I now think of scenarios in my head of what I would do if emergencies were to occur. I also am grateful that I now know that I can operate the bike to safety if need be. I appreciate the skills acquired to maneuver a motorcycle gracefully now that I know how much actually goes into it. As a passenger and until I get my own bike, there's more respect that goes into each biker wave as we ride past."



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THE GREAT FLOOD OF 2016

Article by BACA TuTu

Flood collages from Jennifer Burgess

They are calling it the Great Flood of 2016; A 500-year flood; a rare act of Mother Nature. That's what hit Louisiana on August 12th, 2016. As I look back at the last few days of events now on Wednesday the 17th, I think of the MANY residents that were washed out of their homes. Rescued by the Cajun Navy (Thank you all!!!), Coast Guard, Police, First Responders and anyone who could get out and help. A special Thank you to all that helped! Seeing how those folks fought to survive; Not knowing if they would even see tomorrow. The fear and love they felt on this emotional rollercoaster we just went through was unfathomable to say the least.

I've read a comment from a woman that lives in Arizona asking "How many more times will we have to use our tax dollars to rebuild those swamps?" Well if you don't live here, you would NEVER understand the Louisiana way. You see, Louisiana gets a hold of you. Like the Cypress stumps, Her roots are planted deep inside of us. Cajun Blood, like a great flood, is wild and running free. It's a completely different way of life and most of us have shallow draft boats for fishing and getting around in these swamps. Many Broken Dreams, went down the streams, in what seemed to be a never ending flow. You could see the spirit of the past in the faces of those heroes. Those who put their very own lives on hold, not worrying about their own homes as they helped person after person, and family after family in their boats.

Another thing most in other states don't get is here, Color don't matter. When those hate groups come down to Baton Rouge and tried to spread their mission of causing hate and discontent between us, we united against them and sent them scared and running back home. We backed our Police! We will always unite no matter the color of their skin and help each other. No matter what happens, we will forgive any



differences and save our neighbors. After it gets back too normal, well then the neighbors get back to the routine so to speak. But for those few days, you're a human needing help so come on in, stay safe with me until we get you back to living at home and I'll help you rebuild it too. That's the attitude of every True Southerner. To reach out from the boat, pull in someone off their roof, and bring them to safety, as they recover during the ride from fearing for their life, is a site and feeling you will never get over. This great state showed so much compassion, strength, and support of their fellow Louisianian that I can't help but LOVE where I live. I will never give up the way of life we have here in this great state. The Swamp as the others call it. If I didn't try so hard to keep my writings PG, a few choice words would have been in this for sure. Haha.

As a biker, we can ride year round in Louisiana. Not too many other states can say the same. We use our bikes to help others in need, and join in unity in the biker community we love. But these few days we used boats instead. To have no choice but to watch the bike you love and enjoy so much go under water, and not be able to save her is so heartbreaking. The waters come up so fast that most didn't even know they were flooded in until it was way too late. The only way out was by boat at that point. Reports say only 11 died in this flooding we had. Only 11! To me that speaks volumes in the meaning of love thy neighbor. I hope all that suffered loss in this great tragedy can look back at it and be thankful for what you still have. You still have your life, your family (Blood or not), and a spirit that is unconceivable by those who don't live here. I love each and every one of you who live in Louisiana and pray we stay the way we are forever. If we could rub off on all the others from other states, then I truly believe the United States would be so much greater than it is today.

~BACA TuTu

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PORT VINCENT





by Stacey "Snoopy" Conly

I got this title from a meme I came across tonight and I'm including. It's listed as Ivan Choate's photo, so if it doesn't belong to him I don't know who to give credit. All I know is Louisiana has sure had a lot of water over the last year plus.

Spring of last year, we here in the Northwestern part of the state experienced flooding then again in late Spring. This year on March 8th the worst of the floods started and I was caught in them when the flash floods began that night. I was so thankful when a Red River Parish Deputy got behind me and followed me for about 20 miles with us driving speeds of 45mph max, but mostly 30. How many times have you ever been happy to have an officer following you? I can honestly say that was a first for me! I knew if anything happened to the car he couldn't stop it, but that help would get to me a lot quicker. As soon as I finally made it safely home and put on dry clothes, I called the Sheriff's Department and asked for them to please thank that deputy for me.

For 5 days after that we couldn't go anywhere. You literally couldn't get there from here. It was 20 days before Hwy 71 between Loggy Bayou and Bossier opened. I believe there were 3 lives lost during the floods if I remember correctly. But we survived and we laughed even during the flooding because what else could you do? What good would it to do cry? Good news is it was finally over!

Or so we thought. August of all times brought more flooding, but this time our brothers and sisters in South Louisiana were the ones affected. We are lucky to have light rains in July and August and here we were having flooding, major flooding. Even here in the northern areas we were having heavy rains, just not any which

lasted long and caused any flooding.

But we laugh, we all laugh. We laugh because that's how we are made. We Louisianans aren't the type to throw up our hands and cry when we are faced with hard times. We are famous for standing together in tough times. A case in the Baton Rouge area was proof of that when 2 guys rescued a woman and her dog as the car was going underwater. The stuff we're made of is to make a gumbo, play music, joke and laugh with family and friends; but we're not going to cry over a little water unless we've had a tragedy happen. We've had serious things here. We had Hurricanes Audrey, Betsy, Katrina, Rita, and others but those are among the deadliest and costliest. We have had tornadoes rip through us and we have floods. But we will always have our family, friends, humor, gumbo and jambalaya to keep us going. Oh and let's not forget da crawfish! And we will have our benefits and other events regardless because a little water won't stop us. But it has been known to be the start of a party or two.

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8-10-15 Confederates MC National President Jeremy Germ Neff presenting A.B.A.T.E. of Louisiana, Inc President Randy Postlethwait a check for percentage of gate from the Confederates Annual Spring Blowout 2016 and A.B.A.T.E. of Louisiana Annual Rally the first full weekend of May at Bonnie & Clyde Trade Days.

A.B.A.T.E. OF LOUISIANA, INC COC &I, JULY 2016

Swamp –

Speakers - Will Delaney was scheduled to be at the meeting to talk to us, but he had some medical issues and was unable to attend. Double D will be at our November meeting. Slider Gilmore will be at a future meeting.

Randy Postlethwait –

We came close to not having to wear a helmet and having a stronger right of way law. We will continue the efforts.

We have appx 1700 A.B.A.T.E. of Louisiana Inc. members, please encourage your people to renew Thanks sent to everyone for the legislative season we have had. Please go out and meet your reps and always keep things in a positive light. We need to make friends and not enemies of our state legislatures. They will remember how we act and they will be there for a long time and we need them.

Richard Barker, AIM Lawyer –

Maryland Governor Larry Hogan signed the anti-motorcycle profiling law, will be official Oct. Maryland is the 2nd state to do this; Washington State passed this law in 2011.

NCOM Convention was a big success

An Oregon County Fair denied colors. Made to change policy

Federal cases, both in New Jersey. A couple of guys were pulled over, tried to make them take off their colors. The police said the only color allowed was blue. They refused to take colors off. They sued for damages; judge ruled Free speech and dismissed the case.

He gave credit to the great turn out we have every meeting

Dawgg –

If you're hurting inside and need to talk, please call somebody, even him stating we're all family!

Swamp –

On Sat nights before CoC there will be a bike night at Diamonds Edge (old Rockin C)

Next CoC&I will be September 25th. Presidents meeting at 12 Noon, regular meeting at 1pm at Family of Grace Church

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PERHAPS HEAVEN: AFTERMATH

Story by John David Saxxon

Introduction by Mama S

For those of you following along at home, this is the fourth installment of John David Saxxon's second book Perhaps Heaven: Aftermath. Book one is available for purchase on his Facebook page or when you run into him! Book Two will be available Spring of 2017.

-Mama S

After the boy had been in the loft long enough to feel safe he pulled the twine from a hay bale, then broke it apart and threw the loose hay from the loft to the cows below. In the far distance the boy believed he could hear the rumble of thunder and feel the ageing structure shutter slightly from the intensity of an approaching storm. There was a breeze that started with an odd whistle through the rafters. It quickly grew to a powerful wind that seemed to batter the barn from all sides. The wind had a haunting, almost evil howl like he had never heard. The old barn squeaked and moaned in its torment.

The boy climbed over the hay bales and hid in the corner. The inside of the barn grew dark from the storm. The wind blew through the open doorway with a furious wail. The double doors slammed close and open again as though they were going to be torn from their hinges. The wind felt like it was going to push the roof off from the inside. Then the wind was all around him pushing and pulling at him in the same motion. In the wind he thought he heard voices and screams. He closed his eyes and covered his head with his arms until the torment of the storm finally past.

He sat traumatized and sobbing in the aftermath. When the terror subsided to a trembling fear he climbed down the ladder from the loft and stood in the eerie silence for a long time. The cows seemed spooked and stood in a tight cluster against the wall. The boy held his breath and slowly glanced around the barn looking for any trace of what had just happened, hoping there was none, that it was somehow only his imagination. He saw nothing out of order and then exhaled in relief.



He walked to the cows and patted one on the rump, saying, "Did you hear that? What do you guys think that was?"

The cows, of course, didn't answer. They never did. He didn't expect them to, but he was scared and just needed someone to talk to. The herd remained tense and pressed themselves, like an entangled phalanx, even closer to the barn wall. They appeared terrified by a presents that the boy couldn't see.

"What's wrong with you guys?" the boy asked the cattle.

"Jimmy," a voice spoken low and intimate called him by name.

The boy was frightened and didn't want to turn toward the mysterious voice, but he forced himself to look over his shoulder, cutting his eyes only enough for perception. The only thing behind him was a goat, the ram of the herd. The goat stood at a slight angle to him and had its head turned a little to set its eyes on Jimmy. The ram's horns dominated the creature's head in a way Jimmy didn't recall. Its main rustled to a breeze that Jimmy couldn't feel. Its eyes held a light that contrasted the creature's typical dead stare. The animal must have been as unnerved by the strange wind as he had been and sought out the safe haven of the barn. The voice must have just been the last of the wind passing through cracks in the slats of the barn wall.

Jimmy could sense the cows collectively shift away from the ram. The plank boards in the side of the barn creaked as the herd packed their weight against the wall. He looked to them and read the confused fear in their eyes.

"What's wrong, it's just the ol' billy goat?" Jimmy asked trying to control a shaky voice.

He was about to tell the goat to go on and get, that he was scaring the cows. "Jimmy," he heard his name called again, this time the voice possessed a curious spellbinding tone.

He turned in slow hesitation toward the voice. He froze for a moment, then stepped backward in a stunned dazed until he bumped into the ladder to the loft. The ram's dead eyes took on a human radiance. A creepy feeling breeze stirred from the ground upward. Strains of main floated in the air like tresses of a woman's hair. It seemed to lift the creatures as it pushed off its front hooves and stood on its hind legs staring down at Jimmy.

The ram's voice was as hypnotic as its eyes when he spoke in a timbre, androgynous but compelling and overpowering to the psyche of the seven year old boy. "Your father is a bad man. He must die. Do you understand me, Jimmy?"

The boy's hands were shaking in fear, but he nodded a trancelike, yes.

"Sneak back into the house. Don't let anyone see or hear you. There's a knife in the kitchen drawer. Go to your father's room, come up behind him and stab the knife into his back with all your strength. Then wash off the blood and tell your mother there's something in the barn she needs to see."

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