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PUBLISHER'S NOTE

Welcome to the first issue of Louisiana Biker Magazine. Our idea is simply to produce the best local motorcycle magazine we can, that really represents the Riders and motorcycle lovers of Louisiana.

Every bit of content will be original and local, and we invite everyone to send us pictures and articles. We are serious about being "By, For, and About Louisiana Bikers", and would like to include as many reader submissions as possible.

Every month we will have a DayTripping Ride, a quick trip to some destination within Louisiana. This will become one of our Featured Articles in each issue, and we will always invite readers to ride along.

Our GBNF Page is to memorialize fallen riders and lost loved ones who are Gone But Not Forgotten. This page is important to me, and any Memorials sent is will also be posted to our website, where they will stay as long as we exist.

We have a team of 20 people around the state. Our staff rides and owns bikes. Our Technical Advisory Board consists of industry professionals; shop owners and mechanics with well over 150 years of experience. I have been working for newspapers and magazines for 35 years, and have been working in bike shops over 40 years.

Our louisianabiker.com page is a full, interactive site, not just a PDF download of our current issue. We have expanded versions of features, with more details, and extra pictures. We will have web-only features that couldn't fit in print, but still deserve to be covered. We have a Reader's Forum, where members can join in, hang out, and chat. There is an online store for our merchandise, and a special Business section, where you can order ads and download ad templates in PDF and AI formats.

Our Facebook page is already the most active Motorcycle Magazine page in Louisiana, and is growing fast. We have a presence on Instagram, Twitter, and YouTube as well, and will promote our events and advertisers on these social media sites.

Copies of this issue have been distributed to every major town in the state, and we are currently looking for advertisers and distribution points.

The idea here is to do this all the right way. I had considered using "A Righteous Magazine" as our tagline, but that is meaningless unless other people call us that.

That is the goal.
Frosty



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IT CAN HAPPEN TO YOU

by Stacey "Snoopy" Conly

March 14, 2015 will be embedded in my mind for the rest of my life. I would love to forget and pretend it never happened, but I can't forget and won't let it happen. My job in the biker world is to protect the back doors of friends, and believe me, I am extremely protective. A few of them, but especially my friend Ginger, have told me they always feel much safer when I'm behind them. I have ridden behind Ginger multiple times, including all over the state of Louisiana behind Ginger and her husband, John. Saturday, March 14, 2015 is a day that has impacted both of our lives. I drove to Ginger's the night before to have some girl time and catch up as we hadn't had much time together in the last several months since she and John lived in Donaldsonville, but she was living back in the CenLa area putting her a lot closer to me. We had so much fun the night of Friday the 13th.. John was down south working so it was just the two of us. According to an app on Facebook, Ginger was supposed to die March 12th; we had a good laugh about that. Two sisters who hadn't been able to see each other in a while having a blast is the best way to describe the night. Arriving back at her house, we visited more before we finally went to bed. We had the A.B.A.T.E. of Louisiana, Inc State Board meeting Saturday Morning; I had finally talked her into going to a state meeting with me. We got up the next morning still laughing, drinking coffee, and being silly before we started getting ready. Ginger was excited to be riding her bike, a beautiful Sportster 883 she hadn't been able to ride in a while due to all of the heavy rains we had been having and the 14th was a beautiful day.

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RIDING AGAIN

by Ginger Williams

I'm sitting in my office, looking out the window at my bike. Today marks seven months since my accident and it has been a roller coaster of emotions. I've had to deal with fear, insecurity, anger and self-doubt. For the first time in my life, I wasn't sure I'd ride again. I wasn't sure if I even wanted to. It's funny, the accident was the easiest part to deal with. The pain, while intense, was manageable. My focus was on answering questions, giving contact numbers, checking on my friend, etc. It didn't take long before I was in an ambulance, had pain meds administered, and on my way to the hospital. I was even lucky enough to have a biker working on me in the ambulance and a biker nurse taking care of me in the hospital. Talk about feeling special! For me, the real pain began during the weeks and month after the accident. I relived the accident on a daily basis trying to figure out what I did wrong. Could I have done something to avoid this? Could I have done something different? I thought if I figured that out, I'd feel better. You know, live and learn. It didn't quite work that way. Once I reached the decision that I hadn't made a mistake, that I'd done what I was supposed to do and that I'd made every effort to remain safe, I felt worse. I'm a bit of a control freak. I like to think that I decide what I do and what happens to me. Because of the accident, I had to face the fact that I can't control everything. And that scared the hell out of me. I realized that despite anything I might do, riding my bike is dangerous because...well, shit happens. When I took up riding, I knew it was dangerous. I knew I might (probably would) lay my bike down and be injured. I thought I was mentally prepared for that. After the accident I learned I was most definitely not prepared. I did not expect my emotions to run amuck from one end of the spectrum to the other. During the first two months, you couldn't have paid me to get back on my bike. As far as I was concerned, you could sell it right then. It was more than the physical pain that made me feel that way. It was the pain of seeing my daughter's face as she stepped in the ambulance. It was the pain of thinking I might never have seen my grandchildren again. It was the pain of imagining the guilt I knew my fiancé felt over buying me the bike. I thought about how close I'd come to not getting to live my dream of being his wife and growing old with him. As with all things, time moves on. I had to deal with the anger I felt over the situation. I was angry that I couldn't do the things I wanted to do. I was furious that everyone else could move on while I was looking at months (or longer) of healing. Even today, my leg is not 100% healed. It infuriated me that, through no fault of my own, I was now over \$50,000 in debt and we were struggling to make ends meet. I felt humiliated having to constantly ask for help, both physical and financial. I spent the entire summer sitting in a 30ft camper, hearing the bikes go by on the road outside. And something began to wear on me.

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Louisiana BIKES

STAFF EDITION



OUR STAFF RIDES!



~FEATURED BIKE~

CHRIS COX'S BAYOU BAGGER

**We shot Chris' Cox's custom
2012 Road King at Dave Ervin's
Gorilla Customs shop.
Chris rode it to the shoot,
this is not a trailer queen.
Just the day before, he had
returned from a 2500 mile
ride through Texas.**

by Chris Cox

I was born on January 25th, 1956 at Nobles Clinic in Lutcher, La. Not many people actually born in Lutcher, La. Lutcher is a small rural town on the east bank of the Mississippi River in St James Parish. My passion for motorcycles started at an early age, somewhere around 8 to 10 years old. My uncle had purchased a used scooter from someone who purchased it at Sears Roebuck. It wasn't until I was about 10 years old (two years later) that my Mother allowed me to bring the bike home and actually ride it on the side road of my house. The side road was only two houses wide, so I can't imagine how many miles I put on that scooter just going round and round by those two houses. My scooter came with a name, Oop, painted in white on the "red" scooter frame. From that time on, I was hooked on motorcycles. Later as a teenager, I would get into dirt bikes and rode a lot on the two different motorcycles I owned during that time, a Yamaha 360 and then a Suzuki RM 250 that was very fast.



Marrying my beautiful wife at an early age and 4 years later having children, my mid life bike crisis was definitely on HOLD. But about 20 years later, I had the opportunity to work overseas on a foreign project and would soon be enjoying my passion again. After working in Japan for a year, a place we didn't drive, we moved to mainland China for a 2-3 year work assignment.

Once in China, we met friends from all over the world and would enjoy good times with them weekly. One day, some of the guys and I decided we were going to buy a motorbike in China, but not the typical Honda 125cc, but a Chinese brand that looked like a cruiser, so we ended up calling them our Charleys. These bikes were only 150cc, but rode pretty decent and was the best we could get, until we found a special Chinese dealer who got us a 250cc model, then we were truly real bikers! LOL



When we returned to the USA just shortly after Katrina, we were at the Harley Davidson dealership in Baton Rouge picking out a new 2006 Fat Boy . . . a red one!

After enjoying local riding on our Fatboy for 5 to 6 years, we decided to upgrade to a 2012 Street Glide for better riding comfort for both of us on longer rides.

Things were going great until a small misfortunate accident caused some body damage and road rash. Its from that incident that I decided if I have to repair the bike, why not repair it with nicer stuff. And like a lot of projects, this one went thru the roof before we knew it and hey . . . once you're that close, just bite the bullet and go for the gusto!

And today, my wife and I now own one of the nicest bikes around, or at least in our biased opinion!

2012 Street Glide
107 Big Bore Kit by Fuel Moto
CNC Machined Heads by Fuel Moto
AIM Lockup Clutch
Rineheart 4 Inch Dual Ovals

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MAD Wheels Twist Rims
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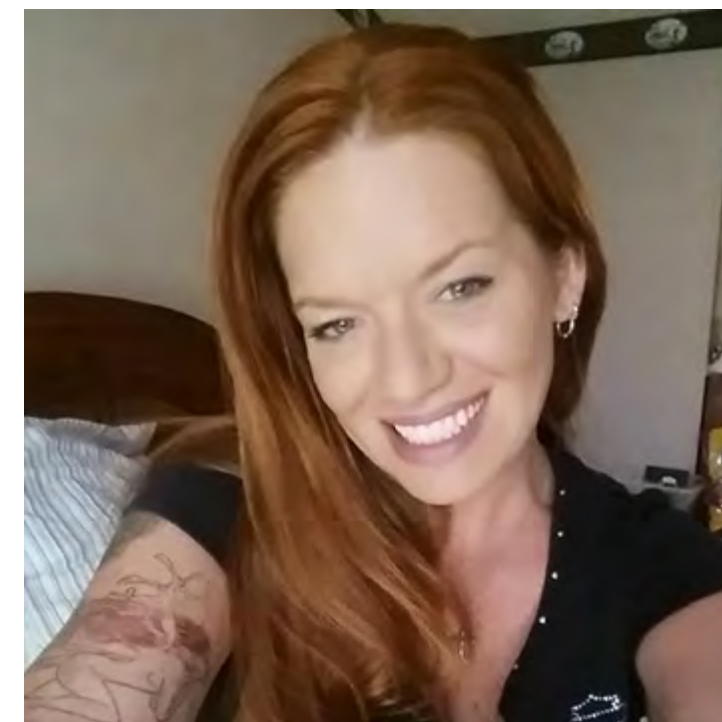
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Vincent Dezigns
Mechanic – Big Dave Ervin
Model - Elyssa Skye



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DAY TRIPPING

TRAMPLED ROSE RANCH- PONCHATOULA

For our first DayTripping ride, we went to the Trampled Rose Ranch, a Bed and Breakfast in Ponchatoula, right off of Highway 22. This is a great trip from almost any direction. Highway 22 runs from Mandeville in St. Tammany Parish to Sorento in Ascension Parish. This is a curvy, two-lane road for most of it's length. For those that prefer, the Ranch is only a couple miles from the 445 exit from I-12. From my house, it was a short 30 mile trip down Highway 445 to the intersection of 22.

Trampled Rose is a converted barn set on 3 acres, on a gravel road, and it backs up to a swamp. If you are looking for a getaway in the coutry, this is the place. Holly Williams is the proprietor, and she lives at the ranch with all of her animals. You would expect a place like this to have chickens and dogs, and it does, but there is a lot more. A herd of Nigerian Dwarf goats lives behind the house. These are small dairy goats, and Holly says they are expecting their first set of kids soon. In the yard with the goats, you will also find a pair of small Juliana pigs. These are expected to reach a maximum size of 60 pounds, but they are pretty small now. A couple crested White Pekin ducks are wandering around there, too. In a separate coop and run nearby, a couple dozen assorted chickens provide eggs in a variety of sizes and colors for the bed and breakfast. There is a pond further back, which will eventually be home to the ducks, and will be stocked with catfish. It is also home to the occasion small alligator that wanders in from the swamp. Inside the house, there are more dogs, and Jonesy the Squirrel.



The three guestrooms are decorated in a literary theme, with rooms dedicated to Dorothy Parker, Jack Kerouac, and Charles Bukowski. Plan to spend time in the common areas with Holly, discussing music, art, literature, animals... Any topic at all.

It's just a short ride to Lee's Landing on the Tangipahoa River, and nearby Ponchatoula offers bars, restaurants, and many antique stores. Holly will show you around

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<https://www.facebook.com/trampledroserranch>

if she isn't working at her other business, The Tooth and Nail Trading Company on Magazine St, in New Orleans, or making jewelry as Small Change Finery.

Wherever you're coming from, this is going to be a nice ride. Visit the local attractions, or stay at the ranch and relax around a fire or in the hot tub, play with the animals, have a drink and enjoy some eggs fresh from the coop. It's a great place to be.





GENE DRUMWRIGHT



JIM SANTORIELLO

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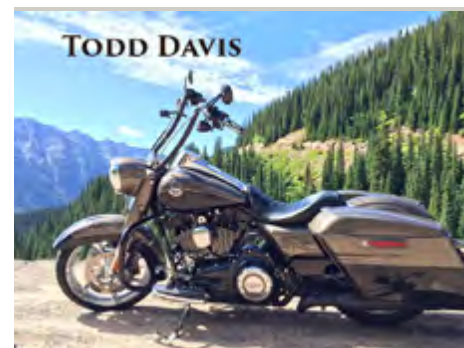
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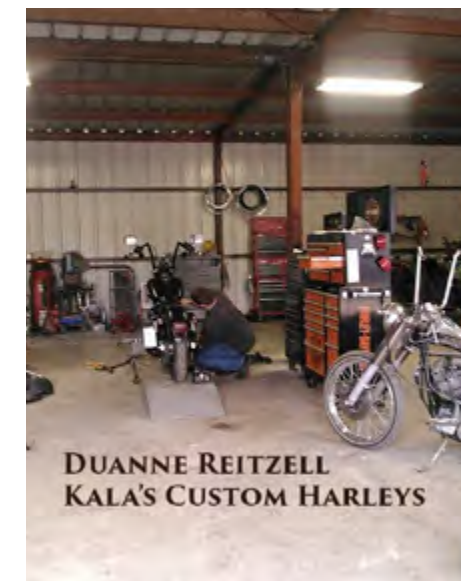
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WHY BACA?

Bikers Against Child Abuse (B.A.C.A.)® exist with the intent to create a safer environment for abused children. We exist as a body of bikers to empower children to NOT feel afraid of the world in which they live. We stand ready to lend support to our wounded friends by involving them with an established, united organization. We work in conjunction with local and state officials who are already in place to protect children. We desire to send a clear message to all involved with the abused child that this child is part of our organization, and that we are prepared to lend our physical and emotional support to them by affiliation, and our physical presence. We stand at the ready to shield these children from further abuse. We do not condone the use of violence or physical force in any manner, HOWEVER, if circumstances arise such that we are the only obstacle preventing a child from further abuse, WE STAND READY to be that obstacle. That is our mission statement. Imagine if you will, your child was abused by someone you trusted with them and we pulled up to your house after you called us to help. Say 40 bikes and over 60 bikers pulled up, parked, dismounted and approached the house as your young teen comes out. Hiding in a pull over hoodie, shy and staring at the ground. When the vest comes out for presentation is when it fully hits you. This was the first time this scared teen has met their new family members. Those who come there to help your family get through one of the hardest times in their life. These new brothers and Sisters will be there to visit with them, support them, protect them, go to court with them, comfort them anyway they can, in these hard struggles they now face. After wiping away the little bit of water from tearing up a couple times as you watch all this unfold for the first time in your life, you could see your teen start warming up to us. Laughing a little and pushing the hood back more and more, to see all of us better. As the meet goes on, the hood off, the smile is almost permanent and the will to speak freely is stronger. Before we left the smile was ear to ear and wasn't going anywhere. We all became this young teens best bud's by just being there for them and showing them others do care about them. This would be day you would never forget. The day that showed you exactly why we

are needed. This is A day I want to repeat over and over until Child Abuse Exist NO MORE. I don't want nor need to know HOW your child was hurt. The one's that have to know do and made the choice that this child needs us. So just knowing your child was hurt is all it takes for me and the rest of our Brothers and Sisters to want to be there to help them past it.

For more information about BACA® or to find a chapter near you, go to www.bacaworld.org No Child Deserves to Live in Fear! tm

~BACA TuTu
BACA® Capitol Region Chapter



THE LOUISIANA BIKER AWARDS

The Louisiana Biker Awards are annual awards acknowledging exceptional achievements in motorcycling in Louisiana.

Some of the categories to shine in are:

Dealership of the Year

We want to know not only where you get the best deals, but where you receive the best customer service.

Independent Motorcycle Repair Shop of the Year

Who do you trust to work on your bike when it needs it? Who helps you maintain your bike and can always fix what you need?

Biker Bar of the Year

When you are riding where is the one place you can't go by without stopping? Who pours the best drinks?

Tattoo Parlor of the Year

If you want to get ink in Louisiana, where is the place to go?

Outstanding Achievement

This recognizes people or businesses that really stood out in their field this year.

Be on the lookout for your chance to nominate your favorites in each of our categories and support Louisiana businesses!

Visit <http://bikerawards.com> for Nomination and Voting information.

Louisiana Biker Magazine proudly sponsors the Louisiana Biker Awards



2016 Biker Business Directory

Louisiana Biker Magazine wants you to know where to go! So we are compiling a directory of all the places our riders should know about including, but not limited to, independent shops, biker friendly restaurants and businesses, and of course every dealership in the state.

You can expect to see the directory roll out on the following schedule:

February – Dealership Issue

March – Independent Shop Issue

April – Biker Bar Issue

May – Biker Friendly Business Issue

If you want to recommend your favorite place, take a picture and post it on our Facebook page. If you are a business and don't want to get left out, be sure to visit the Business Center on our website. www.louisianabiker.com



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BAYOU THUNDER SALOON SHREVEPORT, LA



Shreveport Bike Night – 12/05/15

Backwood Baby Dolls and Louisiana Biker Magazine were happy to collaborate in hosting a bike night in Shreveport. We had shot girls, an oversized Jenga game, a few good rounds of pool and the Cane Poles, a local country-rock band, performed.

Shout out to the owners and staff at Bayou Thunder Saloon. It is located right off of I-49 and very easy to find. When passing through Shreveport, you should definitely stop by!

Thanks to everyone for coming out, we'll see you again soon.



When you're in the music scene for years, as I have been, you tend to meet some interesting people. For example, this month we present to you ZYNC.

A home grown aggressive rock band, ZYNC has played all over the country and rocked the ears off of fans with a unique sound that is all their own.

I have personally known and been friends with these guys for many years, so I figured that I would catch up with them for an interview to give our readers a little insight on the band.

TC: How did you come up with the name ZYNC?

CC: Well, zinc is a natural metal that comes from the ground so we changed the I to Y to try to be original.

TC: How did you guys come together as a band?

SF: Me and David had played together in some previous projects, then I met Charles and we all kind of clicked. We tried out different pieces and people until we refined it down to the three people that are in this studio today. We have been together as a 3 piece band for over 7 years now.

TC: Have you ever played any biker bars or events?

ZYNC: Plenty. Our very first gig was at the original Maw's 22 Roadhouse in Ponchatoula.

We played the Backwoods Saloon in Conroe, TX. at a benefit for the family of a Houston bike officer that passed away.

The Iron Horse Saloon also located in Conroe, TX., The Ice House in Houston, the Iron Horse Festival, the outlaw drinking club in Beaumont, TX., Thunder's Tavern in Pascagoula, MS., Murphy's in Memphis, TN. and the Handle Bar in Florida.

TC: Do you or any of your family members ride?

DP: Yeah. My dad and brother both ride.

CC: I used to ride back in the day but don't have a bike anymore. I loved it though.

SF: I grew up watching my dad ride. He had a Triumph Bonneville 650, a big ol' Moto Guzzi, a Goldwing and his last bike was a Harley. All of us have pretty much been around bikes our whole lives.

ZYNC

Charles Cercy: Vocals/Bass
Steve Freidt: Lead Guitar
David Power: Drums

TC: Steve, how did you feel when you won best guitarist in the 1997 Great Musician's Shoot Out?

SF: I felt really good because I stayed on top of my game and actually won that contest hands down with a broken finger on my picking hand. I won an ESP guitar that was autographed by George Lynch from Dokken and, I thought that was very prestigious.

TC: Charles, as the voice of ZYNC, do you feel that you are getting your message through to your fans?

CC: I hope we do because there is a meaning behind everything that we do.

TC: David, how did you feel about being a finalist in the LA Drumoff?

DP: It felt pretty good that I was able to show off the skills that I worked so hard on all of these years.

TC: Any advice for new bands that are just starting up?

SF: If you're just playing to make a paycheck, that's fine but if you're out there thinking that you're gonna make it and you're not playing the style of music that you love, you're just spinning your wheels. It's like riding a Vespa when you should've gotten that Shovelhead.

TC: How important is family?

ZYNC: Very important. Family is everything.

TC: In closing, is it important for your fans to know that you are a Louisiana based band?

CC: Yes. Louisiana people are the best. We love the swamps, we love the scenery and we love the food. We've traveled all over but there's no place like home.

All in all, it was a great time getting to see the guys and hang out. There was a lot of positivity, smiles and good humor all around. We talked a little while longer and they invited me to listen to them practice a couple more songs before calling it a day.

To learn more about ZYNC, you can check them out at:

facebook.com/ZYNC
reverbNation.com/charlescercy

You can also check out some videos by searching ZYNC the band on youtube.

TomCat

NOLA MOTORSPORTS PARK

OPEN TRACK DAY

Sunday, December 13, 2015

We went to check out NOLA Motorsports Park's last open track day for the year. While most of the country is getting slammed with a snow covered holiday season, our Sunday was windy and creeping up on 70 degrees with some overcast.

What you can expect at NOLA Motorsports is a world-class designed track that takes into consideration your safety while you're having fun navigating the 16 turns and flying down a 3,200 foot straightaway.

There were about 50 bikers at the track. They were separated into three groups: novice, intermediate and advanced. Every group included two control riders who were there to observe riding styles and offer advice. Each group took the track in intervals of fifteen minutes. The novice group did not allow for passing so the rider could focus on fundamental skills without distractions. The intermediate group was for the experienced rider so

passing was allowed, but only on the outside. Honestly, the advanced group was comprised of a lot of knee dropping! The wind became an issue towards the end of the day; however, no one who went down was hurt. Overall it was a beautiful day for riding in Avondale.



For the extended article, go to:
<http://www.louisianabiker.com>



One of the great features of the NOLA Motorsports Park is the resident Speedshop owned by The Transportation Revolution New Orleans. The very capable and friendly staff is there to provide trackside service, tire sales, gear rental and overnight or monthly storage. They even provide a valet service that will transport your bike between their location in the CBD and the paddock so your bike is prepared and waiting for you upon arrival. The facility is not only there to service your bike, but also includes a 400 square foot loft-style Rider's Lounge that is a great place to rest after a full day of riding and enjoy good company. For pricing and details, visit the Speedshop at www.TTRNO.com.

Stop by TTRNO's Speedshop to pick up your copy of **Louisiana Biker Magazine**.





We noticed Miranda Sink as soon as her group hit the track. She was riding a Harley-Davidson 883 Sportster. We caught up with her in-between sessions and learned she started riding in February of 2015. She hails from Arkansas and has proudly been calling Louisiana her home for many years now. The film industry may have brought her to our great state, but you can see her smiling face as part of the team at The Transportation Revolution New Orleans. She was definitely holding her own on the track against the wind and we could tell she had a blast. We look forward to seeing her on a Louisiana Biker DayTripping Event in the future!

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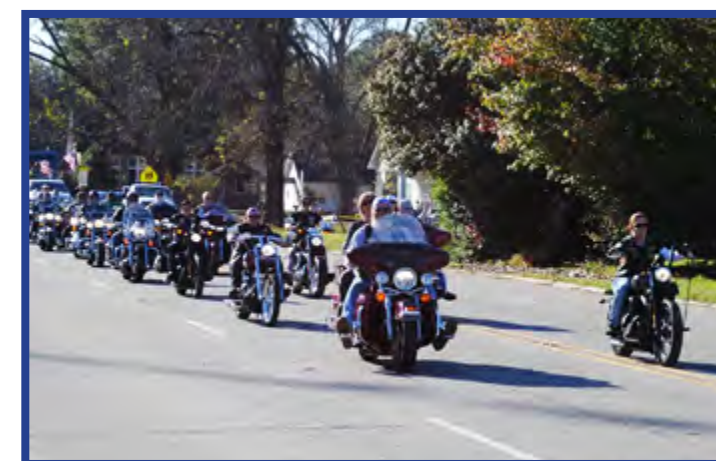
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RED WHITE & BLUE PARADE

The Town of Colfax and Colfax Lions Club hosted the Red, White and Blue Parade on December 6, 2015. Everyone came out to during this holiday season to honor our Vietnam Veterans. The Lions Club unveiled a plaque recognizing the Veterans. Some highlights of the parade were a drill performance by the award winning Grant High School Maroon Knights and an appearance by the 2015 Louisiana Pecan Festival Queen. The Louisiana Pecanettes and the Diamond Divas were also marching and showing their spirit.

Mr. Steve Bouton, some members of the Central Louisiana Chapter of A.B.A.T.E and Louisiana Biker's very own staff member, Firefly, were some of the riders that came out to show their support.





The Cruisin' for Kids annual toy run was held on December 12, 2015. It began at Harley-Davidson in Hammond. Traveling to the second stop which was at the Shell Station located at the intersection of Hwy 51 and I-10. Next was a cruise over the spill way and down Hwy 61 to Zephyr Field. Then onto Children's Hospital in New Orleans to drop off all of the toys that were donated. Finally, the run ended in Harahan at Kamp Bar & Restaurant which was a great location to celebrate the holidays in true Louisiana style, with a plate of red beans and rice!



TOY RUNS

'TIS THE SEASON TO SPREAD CHEER,
WHILE ENJOYING THE UNSEASONABLY WARM WINTER.



The 34th Annual Magnolia Motorcycle Gift Run was held on December 6, 2015. After meeting at the Avondale Truck Stop, all bikers were escorted by the Jefferson Parish Sheriff's office across the Luling Bridge to the Magnolia Community Service center. Magnolia Community is a non-profit organization that provides support to adults with disabilities in the Greater New Orleans area.



CVMA DELTA POKER RUN

I'm not sure where to begin. Thanks to so many that helped organize the CVMA Delta Poker Run. Thanks to the vendors, business community, and Individuals that donated door prizes, auction items and cash donations. A special thanks to our Auxillary Members that worked so hard organizing the event. Thanks to the members that prepared the red beans, rice and sausage. Also thanks to the Wildlife Tavern, Winnfield, Bobbie's Bar, Tullos, AMVETS POST 7, VFW POST 1736, and the Community Living Center, and VA Hospital in Pineville for hosting our stops. We had a great turn out with representation from so many Organizations, Clubs. Independent Groups, Private Riders and others. The Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association is focused on helping Veterans. As a result of this event we had over 60 bikes register with 78 participants. As we traveled today we also had several other bikes and participants support this great cause. Again, thanks to each and every one that made this event a success. We raised approximately \$3200.00. We are a non profit association and 100% of this money supports various Veterans Groups, Facilities, Organizations, and Individuals in the Central Louisiana area. God Bless each of you. "Vets Helping Vets"

Scott Crooks
COMMANDER
LA CVMA 6-1 DELTA DETACHMENT



CAMPTI CHAPTER CONFEDERATES MC WILD BILL RETIRES

By Stacie “Snoopy” Conly

I have had the honor to be friends, and even family, with some of the Confederates Motorcycle Club. I further had the honor of being invited to attend a retirement party for one of their brothers on August 15, 2015. Wild Bill was retiring after many years in the CMC and his party was held at the C&J Bar (former Backroad Bar) in Fairview Alpha, Louisiana.



The Confederates from different chapters; as well as, other clubs and organizations including The Boozefighters MC, The Band MC, Gray Ghosts MC, Hell on Wheels MC, Lone Wolf MC, Riding for The Son CMA, and A.B.A.T.E. of Louisiana, Inc all made a strong showing of support for Wild Bill. Also many Independent Bikers from all around North and Central Louisiana came and a grand total of approximately 100 bikes throughout the day. CMC Campti President Chad Woodall, his wife Charity, and Campti Chapter members started cooking the food the night before with some of them camping out there. They served BBQ sandwiches with sides and believe me when I tell you it was good! Vendor, Southern Santa and Rebel Moon, who are popular in the biker community, sold their merchandise. Of the two bands who performed, one was Michael Ray and Clyde; Michael Ray is a patch holder with the CMC Ruston Chapter.



I spoke with many of the Confederate brothers of Wild Bill and they all spoke of how much love and respect they had for Wild Bill and how he wasn't going to be gone, just not as active. Wild Bill with his brothers and friends shared memories of some being patched in at his house; as well as, other memories. CMC Campti Chapter President, Chad Woodall on Wild Bill, “Rode beside me in sunshine and rain and never left me when I needed him. Rode till he couldn't ride now he gets to retire with pride”



The day was a perfect example of how much love and respect there are between club brothers, but also with brothers from other clubs. I have been at other events with Confederates, Boozefighters, Gray Ghosts, Hell on Wheels, The Band, etc... and never has there been anything but the utmost respect between them while they joined in earning money for benefits to help others or just to have a good time. Wild Bill, thank you for all you've done in the club and thank you to all Confederates for allowing an “outsider” for being a part and being so patient while trying to take pictures and videos and doing so with a smile on your faces. I look forward to the next event I am invited to attend.

GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN



David Black

David Black, owner at 3D Cycles in Zachary, was called home to be with our Heavenly Father on November 28, 2015.



Timothy Dade Barnes

Son of our friend and staff member Billy Barnes
Gone But Not Forgotten

Louisiana Biker is committed to remembering and honoring all fallen riders and loved ones that are no longer with us.

As long as we exist, every picture and name shared with us will be posted on our GBNF page.

Please email us at GBNF@louisianabiker.com



Christopher Jason Adams

Chris was born December 16th, 1969, in Abilene, TX and was one of six children. Chris went home to be with our Lord and Savior on December 8, 2015.



Jerry “Worley Bird” Worley

November 7, 1984 - March 22, 2014 with another friend of ours who was riding with him after we had been on a Last Ride and Jerry was our blocker He's on the far left, the young one.



MAC Membership & NHTSA Ban

December 7, 2015
MAC Membership and NHTSA Ban Targets on the MRF Radar
As previously reported by the Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF), the U.S. Senate approved the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act within a few hours of the U.S. House voting in favor of the same legislation. Now that the bill is in front of the President for his signature, it's important to note two very important issues on which the MRF will be working vigorously. The language within the FAST Act that reestablishes the Motorcycle Advisory Council (MAC) to advise the U.S. Department of Transportation on motorcycling infrastructure issues does not, unfortunately, spell out the motorcycling organizations that will make up the membership of the Council. Instead, organizations that wish to be included now need to lobby the Secretary of Transportation to be a member. The MRF had been a member of the original incarnation of the MAC, and we will be actively lobbying to be once again included in the MAC membership. The MRF already has the commitment of several members of Congress to support our efforts of inclusion, and we will work diligently to ensure that the voice of motorcyclists is included in the Council's makeup. While the MRF was not successful in our effort to include language within the FAST Act to expand the ban on lobbying States (without invitation) using taxpayer dollars to all of the DOT, the ban that prohibits NHTSA from doing so remains intact. The

MRF will continue to closely monitor NHTSA to ensure that they adhere to the limits of the ban and that your tax dollars are not used against you, and we will be working to expand the ban to include all of the DOT. The Motorcycle Riders Foundation would like to thank our supporters within Congress for their upcoming efforts to have the MRF included as a member of the MAC, and our members who tirelessly support the cause to defend motorcyclists' rights.

EPA Raises Ethanol Blend Levels

December 8, 2015
EPA Raises Ethanol Blend Levels
The Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) reports that the Obama administration, along with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), last week raised the amount of ethanol and other renewable fuels that must be blended into the nation's gas supply, announcing that 18.11 billion gallons of renewable fuels must now be blended into the nation's gasoline supply in 2016. The Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF), as directed by our Sustaining State Motorcyclists' Rights Organizations (SSMRO's), does not support the use of ethanol fuels higher than E10 (10% ethanol) or any other newly developed fuel blends, including alternative renewable fuels, without further testing on motorcycle engines and obtaining specific recommendations from motorcycle manufacturers approving their use. This increase comes as part of the Renewable Fuel Standard, a mandate

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that was meant to encourage the use of domestic ethanol in U.S. gasoline supplies, and supporters claim it helps reduce carbon pollution and cuts American dependence on foreign fuel. Higher ethanol blends, however, void new motorcycle warranties and have been reported to cause damage to motorcycle fuel systems and other engine components. Interestingly, while the EPA announcement of the 18.11 billion-gallon figure is significantly above the 17.4 billion gallons initially proposed in May, it falls far below the 22.3 billion-gallon amount laid out by Congress in 2007 legislation and raises new questions about the viability of the controversial Renewable Fuel Standard moving forward.

As part of its 2016 Legislative Agenda, the MRF will continue to call for further motorcycle engine testing with these blends and seek manufacturer recommendations regarding their use, and as always, the MRF will continue to keep its members apprised of any actions regarding the ethanol issue. All Information contained in this release is copyrighted. Reproduction permitted with attribution. Motorcycle Riders Foundation. All rights reserved.

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A.B.A.T.E. OF LOUISIANA, INC.

I am a proud and active member of A.B.A.T.E. of Louisiana, Inc, which is a nonprofit (501.c.4) organization that promotes motorcycle safety, awareness, realistic motorcycle legislation, individual freedom and rights.

Part of our mission is to initiate, endorse, and sponsor educational programs through rider education, public awareness, legislative, and affirmative action. We also serve as a source for information concerning any current laws, pending legislation, personal rights, political inclinations of elected officials and constituents, American Bikers Aim Towards Education (A.B.A.T.E.) lobbying, and voter awareness.

We are dedicated to and fight for freedom of the road for all motorcyclists. Every Spring we attend the Rally in Baton Rouge on Opening Day of Legislation to make sure our community is seen and heard by our representatives. This year it is on March 14th, please join us!! We also promote to "Vote Like a Biker." We have 2 legislative coordinators who watch for new bills and assist in writing bills.

A.B.A.T.E. of Louisiana, Inc is actively involved in the Share the Road Program. This program offers training to A.B.A.T.E. members so they can teach driver's education classes how to watch out for motorcycles and 18-wheelers. Providing this information in the state driver's education classes allows them to be in compliance with Louisiana State law. We do this through the school systems and can also offer the presentation to private business and industry upon request.

Currently we have 17 chapters and are expanding statewide. We have State Board Meetings that are open to the public every other month on the second Tuesday at the AmVets Post 7 in Alexandria from 11am to 2pm. A list of statewide meetings can be found under the Events Section on www.louisianabiker.com.

We would love to see you at our meetings and for you to be a part of our great organization. We participate in and organize toy runs, chili cook offs, and other great events. Below is an application or one can be found at www.abateoflouisiana.org. Join us and help us fight for our rights!

Stacey "Snoopy" Conly, A.B.A.T.E. State PR

 Membership Application	New Members/Renewals Only \$20.00 each Youth Membership: \$5.00 Life Membership: \$150.00 single, \$225.00 couple	I agree to comply with A.B.A.T.E. rules for motorcycle events. I understand that all benefits become effective upon receipt of my membership card. I agree not to hold A.B.A.T.E. responsible for accidents that may occur at A.B.A.T.E. events. Membership dues and donations are NOT tax deductible for federal income tax purposes. Signed _____
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If it can Happen to Me, It can Happen to You

(con't. from page 4)
We rode into Alexandria from Pineville on Hwy 165 with me riding behind Ginger, “protecting her” as I always do. When I ride behind Ginger it is always to the front of my mind: protect her, don't let anyone hurt her! The ride so far had been great, then we were on MacArthur Drive, turning onto Louise to England Drive to go to AmVet's. We had the only right of way at the intersection. Ginger disappeared and I was looking to see where she was, I came almost a complete stop, looked to my left when I saw a car jumping as if it wasn't sure if he should go or not. My thought was do not let him get behind Ginger so I started to go. Ginger had seen the same car coming quickly to the yield and not appearing as if he would stop, so she stopped.

Let me stop here and say I always check, double check, and even tri-ple and quadruple check for my biker brothers and sisters. The best and truest friends I have are bikers; I have always watched out for them. I wasn't texting; my phone was in my purse in the passenger seat; I wasn't even talking on the phone; I wasn't tired; I was totally aware...or so I thought. I heard it before I saw it. I had bumped Ginger on her bike. I saw Ginger's arms go up in the air the way a ref will do for touch-down... then my friend disappeared. As soon as I heard it, I put on my brakes and put the car in park. Thank you, God for giving me enough sense to do that without thinking or hesitating!! I remember throwing the door open and screaming her name, I just knew I had killed my best friend. There is no feeling in the world like thinking you have just killed someone you love; I hope and pray to never have that feeling again or that any of you have to feel it. The best news of all, my friend was alive!! But then I was worried about her back or neck being broken or a concussion or anything truly serious. So what do I do? She starts to raise up and I holler at her, “YOU'RE NOT SUPPOSED TO MOVE, LAY DOWN!” & push her back down. Yeah, true story. Thank you, Lord again because immediately a lady biker with a Combat Vet patch came up telling us she was trained and told Ginger not to move; she took over and had someone call 911. She was also headed to the State Board meeting; many heading to the meeting stopped to checked on Ginger. Ginger had no broken bones; she had a gash on her leg, about 3 inches long, an inch and a half deep. She hurt but she's alive. I sent a text to our State VP, Rob Breedlove telling him I quit; I'm out of the biker world because I “ran over” my best friend. I told Ginger, our A.B.A.T.E. friends at the hospital with us, and Ginger's husband, John I was out. How could I “run over” my best friend and continue, to be a part of (out of all organizations) A.B.A.T.E.? All of them told me I wasn't allowed to quit. I type this part with a big smile on my face knowing they still love and want me. I keep being told “everything happens for a reason” and Ginger keeps saying “if it happened to you, it could happen to anyone.” I have been told I have to tell our story, so here I am. I sat down the day after the accident and wrote this. Ginger & I both were so bless-ed, so lucky; the most serious physical thing was a gash on her leg. It really bothered me that I didn't see Ginger even though she was there, I couldn't understand how I didn't see her as careful as I always am....always! We have since learned the section between the windshield and the door is a major blind spot plus there are frequent accidents at that intersection. I just want everyone to know, “IF IT HAPPENED TO ME, IT CAN ALSO HAPPEN TO YOU!!!” Those are Ginger's words for

me to use and guess what, she still trusts and loves me and wants me protecting her back door! Eight months, 1 day after the accident I finally rode behind Ginger again. She wanted me to ride behind her the day before, which just happened to be another Saturday the 14th, but I told her absolutely not! I still relive the accident through nightmares at times, but they are less frequent thankfully! ☹️

Stacey and Ginger continue to be friends, and both are active in the local motorcycle community. Both will be contributing to Louisiana Biker Magazine on a regular basis.

Riding Again

(con't. from page 4)
Once I was able to walk again, I began to get out of the house more. As we'd drive through town and bikes would go by, I noticed I was feeling left out. I would think, “That should be me”. I began thinking about trying to get back on, but when I did, fear welled up inside me and told me, “No”! It took me about 2 months to convince myself to just try being a passenger. Maybe I could settle for that instead of riding my own again. So, I asked my fiancé to take me for a short ride. Oh, how glorious the wind in my face felt. I instantly remembered what I loved about riding. Despite how great that ride felt, I still wasn't sure I wanted to ride my own. I doubted my ability to avoid an accident again. I could not get past the thought that I'd go down the first time I tried. My mind would present every accident scenario imaginable and I could never see myself coming out safely. The very next day I got the news that my former brother-in-law had been killed on his bike. My mind was made up...I was done. As the next month went by, I kept feeling the call of the road. I knew in my heart I wouldn't be satisfied just being a passenger, but still, fear crept in with each thought of riding on my own. I wavered between the fear and the desire. I finally realized I needed to make a decision. If I wasn't going to get back on, I needed to sell the bike. The repairs were completed and I had to either pick up the bike or sell it. I decided I would drive the bike from the shop to my house. That could be done on the back roads with little traffic and I would be able to see how I felt before making a final decision. The day came to bring the bike home. As I threw my leg over and sat on my bike, I was filled with trepidation. Would I remember what to do? Would I choke? Would I be able to ride again or would I let the fear control me? Nervously, I turned the key and set the engine to run. Taking a deep breath, I pressed the start button. As the engine roared to life, so did my soul. I immediately felt the reservation leaving my body. I put her in 1st and eased out. By the time I was on the road I was grinning ear to ear. It was like coming home. All the apprehensions I felt melted away in the first mile. By the time I got home, I knew it was all good. I knew I was alright. I knew I had my dream back. As I ride now, my mind occasionally takes me back to the accident. I take it as a reminder to keep my mind clear and my focus on the road, but I do not let it cause fear. A dream I thought was lost has been returned to me and I look forward to many more miles in the wind. ☹️



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