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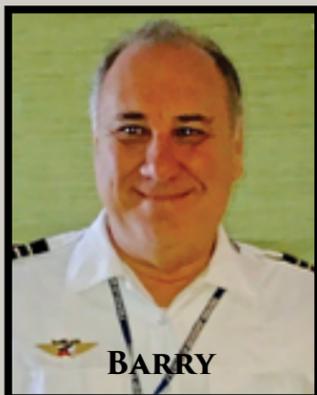
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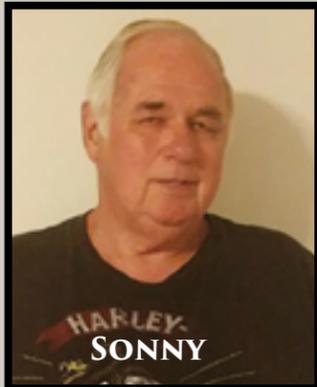
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PUBLISHER'S NOTE

The main stories in this issue are Motorcycle Awareness, and Independent Motorcycle Shops. The young lady on our cover, Kameron Alyn of Slydog Cycles, ties these stories together. Besides working at the shop, Kameron was also recently involved in a motorcycle accident. She tells that story on Page 6.

Look Twice, Save a Life

The Independent Motorcycle Shop directory is on pages 30-31, and that is far too small. We have been trying to compile a directory of motorcycle related businesses for three years now, but I know there must be more shops out there. If anyone knows of a shop we don't have listed, please put us in contact with them. Since we started this magazine three years ago, half the shops on our original list have gone out of business. This is a sad state of affairs, the Bike Shop used to be the center of the Community, we need these guys.

Support Your Local Indy Shop

I'd like to thank all the People who help make this magazine possible. We have quite a few new people working with us now, and they have really been coming through in a big way. We have some others who are just starting to come on board, I expect them to be great assets as well. Of course I have to thank our Core team of Tomcat, Angel, and Snoopy, who have been here since the beginning. And above all, I have to thank the real Riders of Louisiana, we want you to send us your news, pictures and events, and tell your own story. We really want this magazine to be:

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MAC

Motorcycle Awareness Campaign

MAC is an organization whose sole purpose is to promote motorcycle awareness and safety to the motoring public. On June 30, they teamed up with G. N. Gonzales to put on a Meet and Greet that got a lot of attention. According to an LSA report, there were 1,965 accidents in Louisiana during 2017 involving motorcycles, resulting in 97 fatalities. So far it seems like 2018 may be worse, with distracted driving and cell phone use being a big part of the problem.

It was hard to count with so many people coming and going, but there were between 150-200 people there. MAC gave out over a hundred yellow yard signs and bumper stickers, which are always highly visible

They say several dozen people signed up as new MAC members, which also enters them in a drawing to win a 1939 BSA that was on display. The Department of Public Safety's Motorcycle Awareness, Safety and Operating Training Program was there with a riding simulator in a trailer outside, people were lining up for that. Inside, music was provided by Warren Broussard and his band CRS and the Forgetfuls, and Cooking for Charity provided food. Dudley Deboisier, Official Injury Attorney for the Motorcycle Awareness Campaign, had a table set up with information and helped sponsor the event.

The crew from LA RIDER TV was there to video the whole thing, their coverage should be available online by the time you read this.

To get the full story on MAC, visit their website at <https://www.macorg.com/>

Drone Photography by Brandon Thornhill





Just weeks after the photo above was taken, Kameron Alyn and Chris Martinez were in an accident. Chris also works at Slydog, and had only recently completed the bike. Luckily, they will both be OK, and the bike will be repaired, but that one instant could have been a tragedy. Now, Kameron tells her story:

Motorcycle Awareness has always meant a lot to me. I grew up riding motorcycles with a family who loves to ride, and knowing how dangerous it can be for me and my loved ones on the road makes riding a lot less enjoyable sometimes.

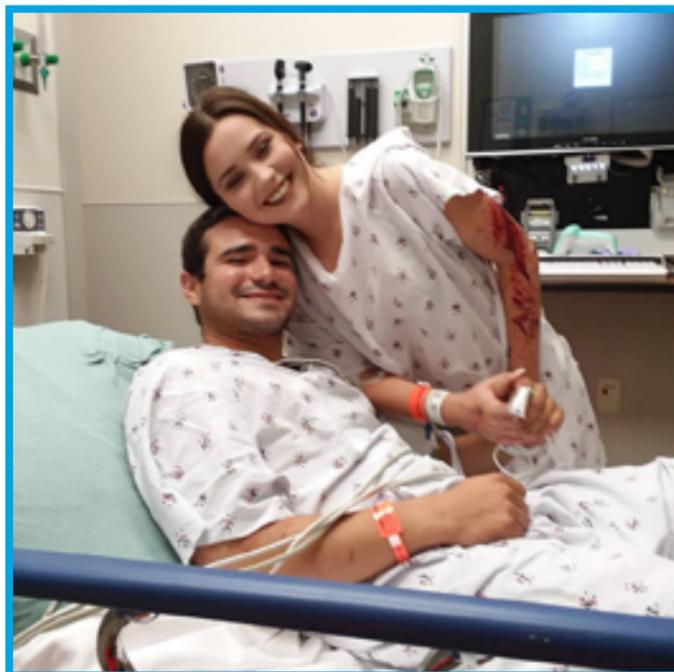
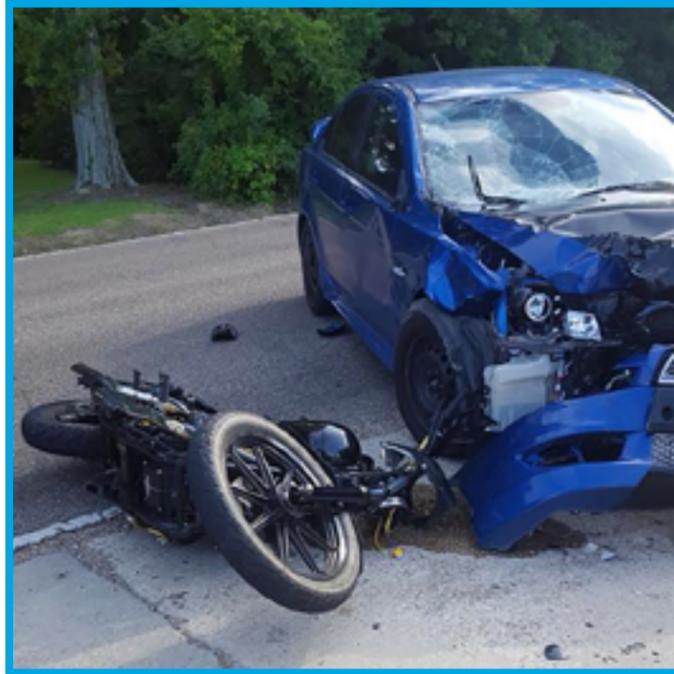
I always hear stories from family and friends of accidents that they have been involved in, but I never thought that I would be someone who would have a story to tell. My boyfriend Chris and I were involved in an accident, and even though we were fortunate enough to walk away and recover, it is still very hard to believe it happened to us.

Even though we preach about Motorcycle Awareness as much as we can, so many people still drive with little care for those of us on bikes. If everybody would just take two more seconds to look for us, then the roads would be a much safer place. I will continue to tell my story in hopes that I will cross someone's mind next time they are on the road. It is truly sad that sometimes it takes people seeing terrible events or hearing of first hand encounters happening to us in order to pay attention and care about the lives of others on the road.

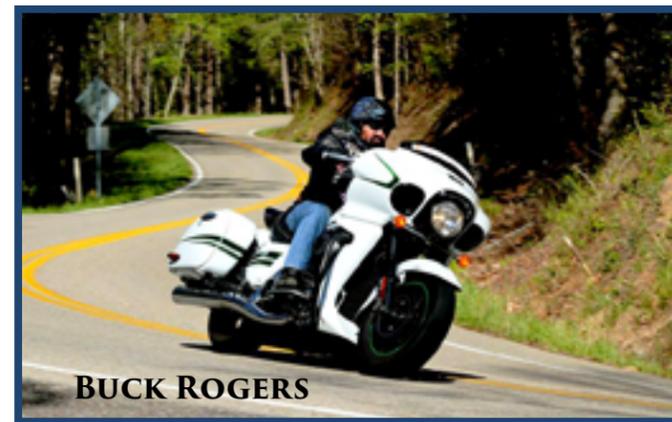
My only advice is to continue to preach and tell stories so that one day the roads will be a safer place for us.
Kameron Alyn

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TALIMENA RALLY CRUISIN' FOR ST JUDE



I used to be an admin in one particular event group on Facebook in 2014. The first I had heard about the Talimena Rally and Neil Jones was in this group. To say Neil Jones is passionate about this rally and helping the St Jude kids is the understatement of understatements! He messaged me one evening telling me all about the rally and it was a good conversation. I didn't hear any more out of Neil until late 2016, early 2017 when I was invited to the rally by some people I knew and Neil himself.

Who is this Neil Jones, you ask? Let me tell you, he's a man who has put his whole life literally into this St Jude Children's Research Hospital. He always said he took two months off after the rally, but I think those two months this year has turned out to be two days, maybe three. Neil Jones is the Biker Santa to these kids. He will joke and cut up. But when it comes down to the kids, he's all business.

The rally originally started in 2002 for the Children's Christian Ministry with his wife Janice. But, in 2012 it became all about St Jude Children's Research Hospital. He lost his wife Janice to cancer; he was burned out; he was done. When Neil met Carol, his future wife, he told her he was resigning as director of the Whiskey River HOG Chapter and finished with the Talimena Rally. Carol asked, "Do you think those kids ever give up?" That touched Neil's heart and he has continued with the Talimena Rally every year.

The Talimena Rally supports St. Jude's due to St Jude helping children and research worldwide. They share the knowledge from the research to all, not just within their hospital. It's all about the cancer research and for the kids who are battling cancer all of this world of ours.

Last year, I went to the rally, but didn't go on the rides. It was a good time regardless and met a lot of good people; as well as, getting to hang out with old friends. This year, I went for the whole rally from Thursday to Sunday and even went on the rides. What gorgeous scenery, a fantastic time, and great food! There were between 200 and 225 people registered for the 2018 rally. You would have thought everybody had known each other for years with the comradery shown between all.

On the evening of Thursday the 24th, we had jambalaya for \$5 a bowl and our entertainment was Joe Dale and Pete. We checked in, visited, checked out some awesome vendors; including G-Force by Seven Angels, Knives and Beyond LLC, plus jewelry and patch vendors.

Friday the 25th was the "Riding the Hills" run. We rode through some gorgeous hills to the restaurant, The Fish Nest in Glenwood, Arkansas. You could not ask for better food or service! We had over 100 people in our party and the way the waitresses acted, you'd have thought there were only a couple of us. They always kept a smile on their faces and in their voices and they were on it. We had our drinks, the buffet refilled, and just all around great service. Plus the food was fabulous! This is a regular stop every year; there would be an uprising if the Fish Nest was ever taken off of the itinerary. As soon as we got back to the hotel we took time to visit with each other before getting ready and going back to the Elks Lodge 399 for Dominos Pizza and more wonderful entertainment, Mike Mayberry and The Slowhands

Saturday the 26th was the ultimate grand finale.

There was absolutely no down time. Neil kept us running and going from 7:30 that morning until the end of the rally that night. We drew our first chips for the points run at our morning meeting then KSU at 8am to head out for the "Queen Wilhelmina Ride". The ride was even more beautiful than it was on Friday. For lunch we were treated to Mexican at Papas's Mexican Restaurant. This was the first year they were a stop and they will definitely be on the list again. They worked so hard to keep up with all of us and make sure our orders were correct. The food and staff were excellent! We stopped at a beautiful vista spot where we took a group picture then headed on up to the top. We stayed there relaxing and visiting for 30 to 45 minutes before heading back. Our last stop was at Texarkana Harley Davidson where we drew our last chip for the points run. It was close to 6pm by the time we made it back to the hotel, so no time to relax. At the Elks Lodge 399 we had Naaman's BBQ catered to us while our entertainment was the Bone Dancers. There were presentations from Hell On Wheels MC Prospect Chapter, Boyett Tile Company, McBroom Construction, and A.B.A.T.E. of Louisiana, Inc during this time.

There were many benefits held via The Talimena Rally's Cruising for St. Jude. Tyson Chicken donated 300-400 pounds of chicken to help with these benefits.

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Neil Jones
 Talimena Run Rally

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5/22/2014	\$21,302.00
5/21/2015	\$21,197.25
5/26/2016	\$15,585.69
5/27/2017	\$26,810.98
5/24/2018	\$49,160.00

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Sincerely,

 Jacqueline Harris
 Director - ECC Services

by Stacey "Snoopy" Conly, photos by David Storch

Those who participated in the rally were invited to go to Memphis the weekend of June 22-24 to take the check to the hospital. After all said and done, \$49,160 was donated to St Jude's. Every board member came out and thanked the group who went to Memphis personally.

Four meals, beautiful rides, great entertainment, and making new lifetime friends. All of this for \$70 if you register before May 1st and after May 1st it's \$80. For the \$70 you are guaranteed two t-shirts, a cap, and other surprises. If you register after the deadline it is impossible to guarantee your size, so chances of getting a shirt are slim (no pun intended...maybe). Also for your registration fee, you get 2 fantastic rides; one on Friday, one on Saturday. On each of these rides we stop at the best restaurants, which is included in your registration fee also.

Since 2012, a total of \$160,373.73 has been donated via the Talimena Rally to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. And that total came directly from St. Jude! Next year's rally is May 23-25, 2019. Come, have a great time, and help the kids!

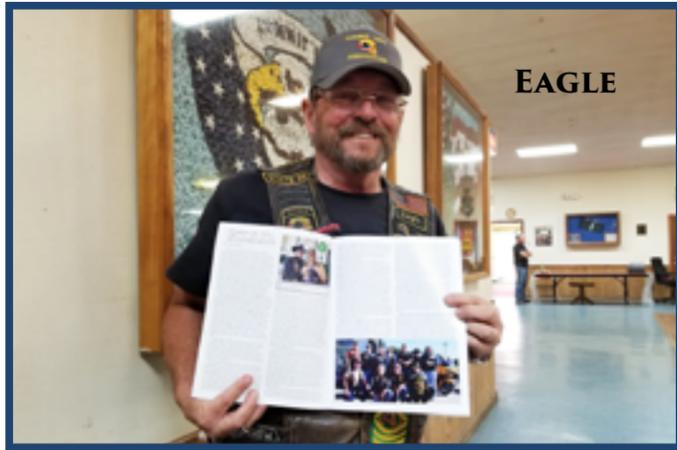
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36TH ANNUAL ASGARD MC MEMORIAL DAY GULFPORT BLOWOUT

by Amy Wittlorf

The 2018 Asgard MC Memorial Day Blowout began with the threat of an impending subtropical storm, but this did not deter the Asgards. As always these men work tirelessly to prepare the Gulfport Dragway for this event. Therefore, a little subtropical storm threat would not stop this show. The weather ended up beautiful for most of the weekend. Events happened as planned: shitter races, weenie bite contest, balloon toss and an impromptu slow race. All were very entertaining for all who were present.

But this story is about my favorite day of the Memorial Day Blowout. That day was on Sunday. Unfortunately the races were cancelled due to track conditions. But never fear, the Asgard MC are bound to come up with some entertainment. I have known most of these men for many years (both of my brothers are Asgards) and therefore they know my spirit. So, all it took was one little question from VP Big Lew: "Hey Amy, would you ride on this behind a golf cart in the mud"? It was a plastic bread tray! My answer: "well yea". I happened to be sitting next to my friend Tanya and her response was: "I will too". Well now it was on.

First things first. Safety. Asgard DJ and Asgard Carl says we cannot ride until they test how it is going to pull. So... in the parking lot, a bread tray gets hooked up to a golf cart, the golf cart that I happen to be sitting in the driver's seat of and DJ has a seat on the bread tray. Note: DJ is in full Asgard dress: jeans, boots and vest. Insert large OMG eyes at this point. This man is brave enough to let me pull him, on the asphalt! Now is the time to let you know that I have a very wicked sense of humor. So with this combination it sounds like a hold my beer moment. And off we go. There was a lot of laughter and snickers. I was supposed to go left, but oh my, there was this delicious mud puddle to the right. It was just too much temptation for me to resist. You got it, right we went, through the mud puddle, around bikes and back out to our starting point with only one little mishap. I went a little wide out the gate and DJ gently glided into a pole. Thank goodness it had a tire as a cushion. So the safety test proved good enough for me and Tanya's to ride in the mud.

To the back we go for the mud. I sat on the bread tray with DJ driving the golf cart. Can you say "payback"? First try we do not get very far and we are stuck. I am now in the middle of the mud pit stranded with DJ's golf cart stuck. Have no fear, (as I hear on a video a few days later) Asgard Red to the rescue. He says: "I will help" and out he comes in his golf cart, not to help DJ but to go as fast as he can, slide that cart and spray me with mud. From there, a couple more of the Asgards, Cyrus and Big Lew, decided to join the fun. Red did push DJ out, cart to cart and that is when DJ got Red,



tires spinning and mud flying. Karma, is all I can say Red. (smile) These men now decided it was time to play. They played as hard as they worked setting up the blowout. Golf carts spinning, mud flying and lots of laughter. Tanya and I did get pulled by the golf carts on the bread trays eventually, but no.... that was not good enough. Let's get Asgard Buff and his monster 4 wheeler to pull us on plastic garbage can lids, because those are much safer and will go much faster on top of the mud. (eye roll) .

I am just crazy enough to get on that garbage can lid behind Buff, a man whom I may or may not have thrown water on on more than one occasion. Of course, he is going to try to throw me off. But he did not succeed. I was a tad muddy from all of the mud those big tires throw and just had to share my love with him. You know the muddiest hug just this side of the MS River. I shared those muddy hugs with others also. My friend Tanya, who was wearing a white shirt (HAHAHA) and Cyrus, who is not scared of any type of hug.

We then went from the garbage can lids to a truck liner being pulled by a truck as the sun went down. It never is enough. Let's go big or go home.

As the day progressed, others came to join the fun. The laughter was contagious So many memories were made on that muddy track on Sunday. One person even told me, I checked items off my bucket list that I did not know were on my bucket list. As I have previously said, I have known the Asgard's for many years and it was so much fun to sit and watch them play with wild abandon and no reservations.

Side Note: I was the only girl that stayed on every apparatus I rode. Hell Yea!

I can assure you, you do not want to miss another Blowout, you never know what is going to happen. Fun for sure, but the type of fun is always a surprise. So 2018 Memorial Day Blowout, cancelled races, no problem.

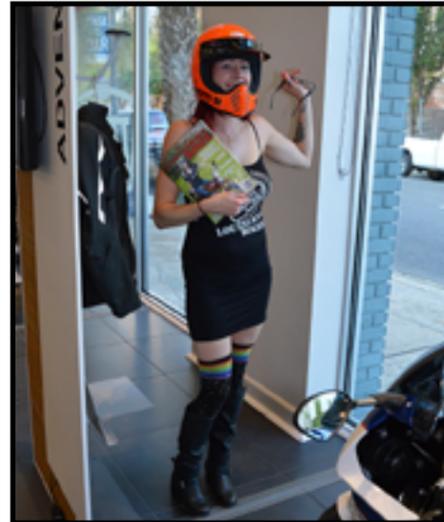
Life is short, dance in the rain or play in the mud with wild abandon!



TTRNO BMW OPENING

The Transportation Revolution New Orleans had a big event on July 14 to celebrate their 16th Anniversary, and as their Grand Opening as a BMW Motorrad dealership. My friend Dani joined me to visit the newly remodeled and expanded showroom. TTRNO has always been a classy place, very upscale and urban, but it looks better than ever. I was amazed at how much more usable floorspace they have now. BMW makes a great addition to their lineup of Triumph, Ducati, Vespa, and Piaggio, and brings the brand back into the New Orleans market.

The turnout was huge, including representatives of MotoJustice, The MoteauxShow, and BigSleazy Inc. The Materne family hooked us up with free food and drinks, Dani was great as always, and the whole event had the feeling of a Gala affair. I'll let the pictures tell the rest of the story, but this is a place you really should go check out for yourself. They are unlike any other dealership in the state.



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FIRST FIVE MC

By FFMC Peacemaker & Stacey "Snoopy" Conly

It has taken me two years to finally be granted this interview with The First Five MC. In 2016 I first spoke to then FFMC President Peacemaker about doing this article. The club has always been interested in getting the word out, but the hesitation was due to maintaining anonymity. I was excited when we got our interview date set in stone and with the promise of maintaining anonymity. The members who will be mentioned and have pictures in this article have been approved.

I doubt many people can say they have a favorite stalker. Well leave it to me; I do. When I first met him I wasn't too sure about him... whew!! Hyper!!!! I wasn't sure what I thought of him right at first, but here we are 3 or 4 years later and he is a wonderful friend. I even have trusted him to ride my now 10 year old granddaughter on his bike. My favorite stalker, Dat, is how I first came in contact and got to know the First Five MC.

The First Five is an MC like no other that I know and they are the only MC like this in the state of Louisiana. The First Five MC is a club for Recovering Alcoholics and Addicts, created February 1, 2013. All members are members of Louisiana COC A.B.A.T.E. of Louisiana, Inc & COIR, regardless. They promote responsible riding.

The First Five MC's purpose is to stay clean and sober and help others to achieve sobriety in the State of Louisiana motorcycle club community Brotherhood. On their cuts, it says Unity, Recovery, Service. As Peacemaker said, "They do an insane



amount of service work." Dat stated, "They have to participate in the service work, it's not just about being in an MC. They earn their cuts." Their bottom rocker is LUCUSU, which stands for the only three choices they have if they relapse, "Locked Up, Covered Up, or Sobered Up."

History of First Five MC.

The creation of the First Five MC is with utmost respect given to John Frank. It is part of His Legacy. As independent clean and sober riders, they were already doing service work in the motorcycle community when John Frank approached them in November 2012 at the Veterans for Veterans annual fund raiser event in Shreveport, LA, which they had been helping with for approximately 7 years. John Frank had been trying to have a "clean and sober" club for some time, but couldn't get anyone to step up to the plate. John Frank had been watching the guys for a long time by the time he approached them. The deal he made with them was they would be the only "clean and sober" club in the State of Louisiana. When John first asked, they turned him down and said "we don't want it." John told them, "That's why it's got to be y'all, because y'all don't want it." Once they agreed, John Frank walked The First Five through the process", Peacemaker stated. The first year was tough getting to know all the clubs and earning their trust with anonymity. Looking back they are eternally grateful to John Frank for opening the door and bringing recovery to the Louisiana COC.

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So why the name First Five?

In the 12-step program, the original FFMC charter club members agreed that a large percentage of people who need and want a Program of Recovery take only the First Three steps and stop. "Life" or "It" gets better. Their lives start looking like it's getting back together. They get their wives back, their kids back, their jobs back, their house back, their bikes and boats back and then they go and get a "six pack" and lose "It" all over again. Like a re-run nightmare movie that you wrote, directed, and starred in. The First Five charter club members believe that if "we could just get them to stay and take steps 4 & 5, they would definitely want to whole-heartedly take the rest of the steps. It's a life changing experience and awakening! "We, the First Five MC pushes to have the first 5 steps completed in the first 30 days. It's all about the First Five"

Why was the First Five MC created?

The First Five MC was created to take care of Louisiana COC, MC's, RC's, MM's, Veterans Clubs, and Independent Riders. Our job as the state's only recognized "clean and sober" club is to get to know the motorcycle community state-wide and provide our contact information as to provide anonymous help to when you or a club brother have a drinking or drug problem and you don't know what to do, who to talk to that will understand the extreme, dark situations our addictions will lead us to an incomprehensible demoralization. When you lose everything; spouse, children, jobs, homes, financially destroyed, when you don't care if you die. If Death sounds like a solution and you really want to take a few people with you. When you are mad at the world and it's everybody else's fault. When you secretly tried to "quit", but to Thine Own self be true, know that you "can't quit". When you have got to have it,

crave it, obsess about it. When you realize you plan your whole day around that first drink or drug. When "It" quits working and you drink yourself sober. When you banged enough dope to kill 10 people and you are miserable because it ain't doing its job. When there is nothing left to lose. When you are sick and tired of being sick and tired. Then congratulations!! You have reached "The End of Your Drinking and Drug Career."

Who do you call and talk to when "They Just Don't Understand"?

"We, the First Five MC was created for you. We completely "understand". We speak the language



of the “Alcoholic and Addict” with over 100 years combined sobriety in our club. There is someone here to help “anonymously”. We love to ride this MC life carrying this message that “There is a solution” to this Disease of Obsession. We have found peace, serenity. We have found a new freedom and a new happiness. We get to live twice. We have lived one life in our own will and now live a second life in God’s Will. We are here to show you the way.”

FFMC is a very strong brotherhood, but their order of what comes first is

1. God & Recovery
2. Family
3. Career
- 4 Club

“That’s how our shit works”, stated FFMC Peacemaker. I had to add that part. I absolutely loved it! (Snoopy)

Requirements to become a First Five Member.

1. Hang Around period is a 12-month period. Must remain clean and sober and take all 12 steps while working with a sponsor. Get your house in order, then help others to achieve sobriety in the motorcycle community through different service work activities.

2. Prospect period is another 6 months where you continue personal recovery, yet expand more into the club brotherhood MC, life, and service work.

3. In order to become a Full Patch Member, there has to be a unanimous vote after the full 6 months of prospecting is complete. If it not unanimous, then we have to “hammer it out”

Service Work:

Although the FFMC is strictly men helping men, we have helped anonymously the spouses of Louisiana COC, their children, and grandkids to get help with addictions through our connections with treatment centers and halfway houses.

In our “spare time” we have brothers that carry the message into prisons weekly reaching hundreds of men that are looking to change their lives. We have veterans in the club that work with veterans clubs. We sponsor dozens of men all over our State. We attend numerous meetings each week all over

the state. We created weekly recovery meetings. We created two weekly Bible studies for those doing “The Jesus Thing”. Our Chaplain, Choo Choo has created a prayer chain. We live all over the state, are going to conventions, and carrying this message.

We have “Identified the Problem”

We have “Found the Solution”

We stand at the gates of hell and reached in there to pull a Brother out, cleaned them up, and took them to run to the light.

Member Quotes:

“I was Living Hard and Riding Easy before I met my brothers. Now it’s all about Riding Hard and Living Easy and all Glory goes to God.” FFMC Easy

“I slid into home base when I found The First Five” FFMC Hotshot

***If you or a brother is in need of anonymous help, contact FFMC President Prez Dat at 318-286-8766

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Our friend Barry Lee Tanner Sr. has been riding around the Lafayette area, hitting Bike Nights and other events wherever he can find them. There has been a lot going on around Lafayette, and Barry has been taking his Suzuki all over the place. Cajun Harley-Davidson is one of the best dealerships in the state, and they host a lot of events. There are also several good Independent Bike Shops around, you can find them listed on page 30-31 here.

Some of my favorite bars in the state are also near Lafayette, but the pictures on this page all come from places you may not have known had bike events. All types of bikes are welcome, anyone can join in.

Barry is a pilot and a former Louisiana State Motorcycle Racing Champion, besides being an all around good guy. If you see him around town, say Hello and get your picture taken,

I was going to divide these pictures by location, but I'm just going to put them all together on the page. Find the locations in the sidebar at the end of these pages, and support the businesses that support the Louisiana Biker community.



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DAY TRIPPING WITH MIKE PHILLIPS

"I am an American airman. My plane is destroyed. I cannot speak your language. I am an enemy of the Japanese. Please give me food and take me to the nearest Allied military post. You will be rewarded."

In WWII, Flying Tigers pilots carried notes like the above, translated into Chinese, to hand out to the locals informing them that the foreign pilot was fighting for China and that they were obligated to help them. These notes were called Blood Chits.

Flying Tigers was the nickname of the 1st American Volunteer Group (AVG) of the Chinese Air Force. The group was composed of pilots from the United States Army, Navy, and Marine Corps, recruited under presidential authority and commanded by Gen. Claire Lee Chennault. Chennault was born in Commerce, Tex. (Official Bois d'Arc Capitol of Texas, and home of the second largest bois d'arc tree in Texas), and grew up in the Louisiana towns of Gilbert and Waterproof. He also attended LSU in 1909-10. The general had a total of 10 children, eight with his first wife. His second wife, Chen Xiangmei (Anna Chennault) was a reporter for the Central News Agency and later became one of the Republic of China's chief lobbyists in Washington, DC. Living in Monroe, La., after the war, Chennault was informed that his marriage to Anna was illegal in Louisiana due to an 1894 anti-miscegenation law still in effect forbidding marriage between whites and non-whites. So, to ensure that his will was respected, he had it probated in Washington, DC. Former Chennault AFB in Lake Charles, La., is named in his honor. There is also a Chennault Air Museum, in Monroe, La., and the University of Louisiana in Monroe (ULM) mascot, Warhawks, is named in honor of the P-40 Warhawk fighter planes used by the Flying Tigers.

Now, the purpose of my rambling on about Gen. Chennault is that a good friend and riding partner, James Wendell Chennault, is related to him. When I saw the tribute paid to Gen. Chennault and the Flying Tigers in the 8th Air Force Museum at Barksdale AFB, that we visited yesterday, I couldn't pass up the opportunity to take a picture of James Wendell posing next to a portrait of the General. (James Wendell is the one on the right).

My last word on the Flying Tigers - Why would you paint a shark's mouth on the front of your airplane if you're known as the Flying Tigers? Reminds me of that cow college in Alabama that has a war eagle mascot, but wishes to be called the Auburn tigers. See what I'm saying?

Jim Powell, Bobby Morgan, James Wendell Chennault, and I met for breakfast and rode part of the way around Cross Lake in Shreveport. We were about



to head to BAFB when Bobby got a text saying some of his relatives had showed up for a visit demanding food and money before they would leave, so he left us at that point. I wished him well and asked him to say hi to cousin Eddie and wife Catherine and Kids, Rocky and Ruby Sue, and dog, Snots (Mississippi Leg Hound). When we arrived at the BAFB gate, I informed the military policeman of our intentions to visit the museum, which was within 100 yards of the gate. He collected our driver's licenses. I then told him that I was carrying a firearm and did I need to surrender it while on base, or lock it in my trunk. After conferring with his associate, I was told that I could not bring my bike onto the base. But, I could park it in a nearby off-base parking area, with my gun locked in trunk, then I could enter, walking. Since it was getting pretty hot outside and the asphalt temps were becoming quite uncomfortable, and I was not interested in laying spread-eagled on it, I chose to follow his suggestions. We took the walking tour along where the antique planes were lined up. It hit home hard when I realized that I was older than the majority of the "antique" planes on display here. And some were in a lot better shape. We saw a lot of planes labeled with a prefix of "B" - B17, B24, B29, B52, etc. I know the prefix stands for "Bomber", but it reminded me of shopping the vitamin section at Walgreens pharmacy. ("Hey, Mr. Druggist, it says this B52 pill will cure insomnia, prevent hair loss, delay diarrhea, and increase libido, while have absolutely no effect on erectile dysfunction. Is that true?")

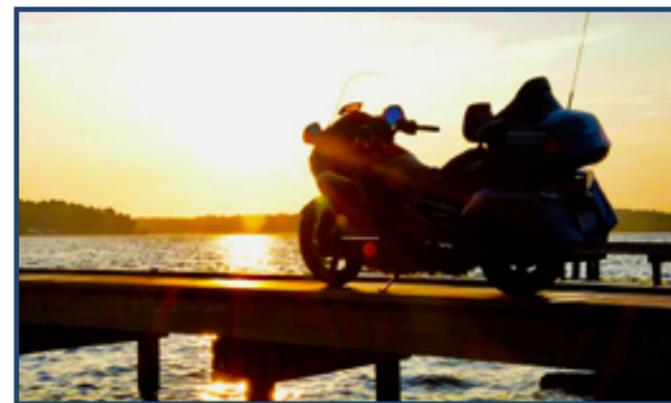
On that same path, there is a beat-up, bent-up propeller that came from a B17 that crashed shortly after takeoff on October 15, 1944, in Suffolk, England. All crewman, except for the pilot, were killed in the crash. He died in 1976 from complications as a result of those crash injuries. Thirty two years after the

accident, the propeller was recovered from a pond at the crash site after a drought revealed its location. It was then returned to the 486th Bomb Group association for use in a war memorial.

I was impressed with all the paintings of aircraft that line the walls inside the museum. Only a few are shown here. The museum is well worth a visit if you're in the neighborhood, and it's free. Only, leave your gun at home or park off base.

I know many of y'all won't believe this - but, on occasion, I've been known to do some really stupid stuff. No, really! Well, yesterday morning could very well have been one of those occasions. I stopped by the boat landing on Cypress Lake, shortly after leaving the house, and decided what a great photo opportunity it would be to ride my motorcycle out on the pier. So I did. Once I got on the pier I noticed how much narrower it was than when viewed from afar. The second revelation came when I stopped and put my feet down and encountered a wet slick surface on top of those pier boards just waiting to sabotage a bike. At that moment, I realized if that bike tips over on either side, which my bike is prone to do whether I'm in its immediate vicinity or not, it's going in the water. Sadly, that realization should have exposed itself about 3 minutes earlier. Luckily, I was able to maintain control, get the kickstand down, take the pictures, and cautiously back off that pier, thereby postponing until another time a catastrophic situation caused by my never-ending quest to obtain that perfect photo-op. Unfortunately, I had to cut my ride short, due to an emergency family situation, so I headed home after we left the museum. I really enjoyed the ride with good friends Jim, Wendell, and Bobby. Looking forward to a longer one next time.

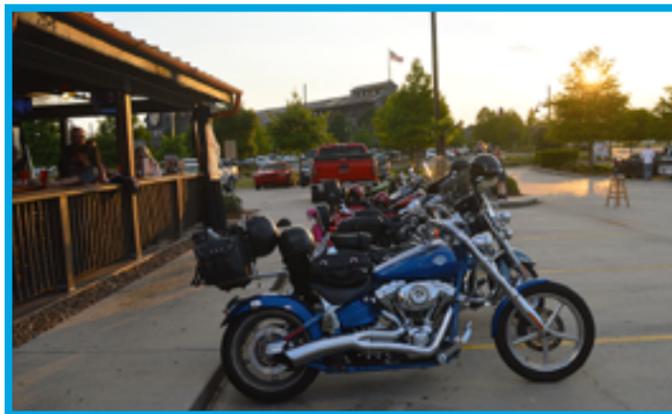
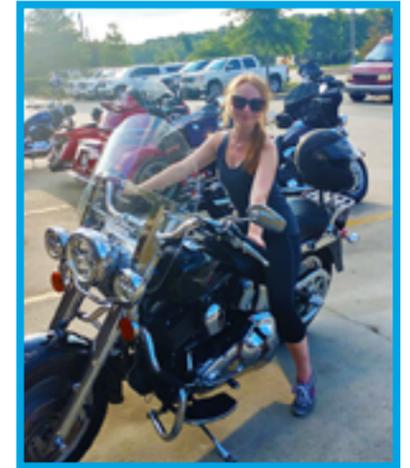
Visit <https://www.facebook.com/DayTripping.US/> to read more of Mike's adventures, and see a LOT more photographs.



SUMMER ISSUE REUNION HOOTERS OF DENHAM SPRINGS

Hooters in Denham Springs has one of the best Bike Nights around every Tuesday, and we took advantage of that to have a reunion of many of the people involved in making our Summer 2018 Issue. Peter Burrows and his wife Kelly were there with his 1930 Indian Scout. Bruno Muenzler, who painted the bike at Burbank Body and Paint in Baton Rouge, also came along. Steve Wolverton of Lone Wolf Revivals was there with his 1954 Flathead, and our Calendar Model Summer Time (Brittany Walters) was there also. We had quite a few of our regular staff there as well, including Sonny Wascom, Alan and Marjorie Stanton, and Frosty.

It was great seeing Peter and Steve kickstart and ride these old bikes around the lot. We handed out magazines, everyone took a lot of pictures, and we all had a really good time.



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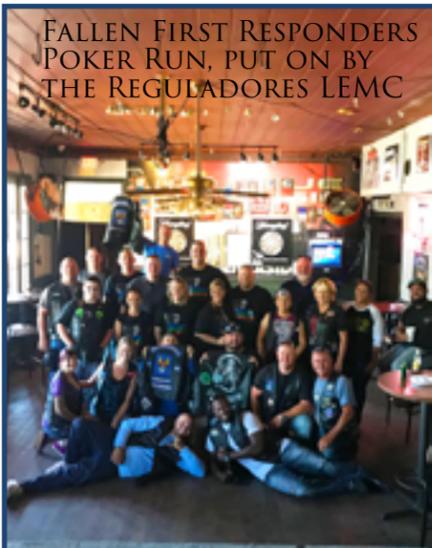


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We are big fans of Indy shops at Louisiana Biker. I used to be on the Board of Directors of the IMRSA, the Independent Motorcycle Repair Shop Association. This was a trade group that was designed to help small shops be successful, and which encouraged nearby shops to cooperate rather than compete. Starting a price war means no one will make enough money to survive.

A good Indy shop can be the cornerstone of their community. When someone needs help, the Owners and other workers are usually the first ones to offer aid. How many shops will open after hours for an emergency, or use the shop truck to rescue a bike stuck on the road? We need these guys.

No one takes a 20 year old Ford to a car dealership for service, I don't understand why so many people expect motorcycle dealerships to work on something outside of the warranty period.

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We have spent a lot of time and effort compiling this directory, but I am certain it is far from complete. There are 72 Dealerships in Louisiana, counting Harley, Indian, European, and all the Metric brands. I would expect there to be at least 3 times that many local Independent shops. If you know of any other shops that aren't on this list, please send us their information, or have them contact us at frosty@louisianabiker.com. Thanks, Frosty

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