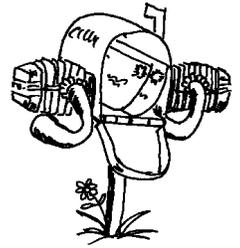


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April 1 at 9 AM
Maple Tree Restaurant,
McFarland, WI

The Prez Sez:

By Steve Huber

If the moto-gods smile on me, by the time this newsletter arrives in your mailbox the RT will be back waiting in my garage for The Next Ride. Our editors have graciously offered a ride up to Mischler's for me to retrieve her and I'm really looking forward to the first ride (even though it'll be a short one).

The last few days of lingering winter have toyed with me, as the last few shreds of ice persist in the driveway precisely where I need to wheel the bike into the garage. No matter; if I need to get out there with a butter knife to chip the ice away, I'm getting that bike home.

Not a whole lot is happening on the club front just now. Todd H is planning a "Farewell to Hwy ?? Ride" (I forgot the road number, but it's over by the Kickapoo River). Catch this chance to ride the road before our moronic DOT "improves" it.

We've been asked by the "Just Pedal Faster" Bicycle Club of Milwaukee to provide 2 - 3 riders to serve as escorts for the race marshalls. See the letter requesting our help on page 9 of

this issue. The tentative date is June 23 (Saturday).

As Bert has so eloquently described the duty, you get to buzz around the course carrying a rider, ride the wrong way, blow through stop signs, and occasionally go Real Fast. Gee, can we get paid for this? Sounds like an interesting day, so contact me at the next b'fast if you're interested. I'll coordinate our volunteers and/or draw lots for the available slots. BTW, da Prez is first in line. ;-)

One item I keep forgetting is three size small t-shirts donated to the club by MOA '00 Rally Chair Sue R-M. The small size immediately eliminates these as a door prize for the majority of members, however we could give these away to our more junior members. If you have suggestions (and losing weight isn't one) bring those ideas to the April b'fast.

Well, looks like it's time to go chip some more ice and look at the spot that a motorcycle will soon again occupy. See ya the April b'fast.

Prez Steve



Can you guess the identity of our mystery rider?
Answer found on page 6

VP's Report

By Tom Van Horn

The March 4th b'fast was a little milestone for me - 'twas the first meeting I rode to, but not the first riding of the year. I rented one'a them Milwaukee Hyphenated-Name jobs in Florida for a few days in January. Gotta admit, reasonable power & brakes, didn't vibrate as much as British twins I've ridden. But, are they ALL built for 27-inch inseams?? And what's with these #!*\$%!! Screamin' Eagle 'mufflers'?!?]

I almost gave up on the 4th - the 'RS cranked, but did not want to start. Finally shoved back into the garage - pushed the button once more, and up she fired. Hadda prove a point, I guess... Electric vest and grips earned their keep this morning!

Electrics notwithstanding, the season burgeons - Besides the meeting on the 1st, Activities

Czar Todd H. is planning a Hwy 131 tour on Saturday the 14th. Some background: WI 131 is a marvelous snaky stretch of road meandering up the Kickapoo valley from WI 60 on the south to WI 33 and on. I liked the Alps and Rockies and Blue Ridge and etc., but 131 is up on my (and Todd's) all-time fave list.

BUT: The WI Dept of Transportation (which I've said should really be called the WI Dept of Big Wide Flat Roads Everywhere), intends to 'improve' 131, at in least its upper stretches. If you haven't run it lately or ever, this is one of your last chances. If the weather's terrible on the 14th, alt date is the 21st.

And THEN - April 22nd marks the 17th Wild Goose Run, the trad season opener for Wisconsin and area clubs. At the same place - Niles(Pyramid) on Hwy 33 east of Beaver Dam. Folks start gathering around 10,

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buffet starts around noon - \$8 each.

The Goose Run has gotten so big that tickets at the door aren't always readily available. IF you want to sit with the club, and IF you want a shot at door prizes, I REALLY suggest advance tickets through your own club. For which, it just happens, I'm your boy... Let me know soonest (238-5181)if you want any. I'm usually able to get around 30 for the club - as I write this, half of that is spoken for.

You can just meet up there - but, if you want to tool up there with the club, I'll lead a group from Madison Motorsports on Stoughton Rd. We'll leave at 9:00 AM latest and run up 'P' and 'T' and such to the restaurant. See ya there!

One more thing: If you reserved

VP's Report continued:

tickets and then can't make it, PLEASE let me know this!! I cannot return tickets once bought - last year, I had to eat three no-show tix. I understand that things come up - but tell me, so I can try to move that ticket elsewhere. If you paid and then tell me that you won't show, I'll reimburse you...

The Pecatonica Swap meet is the 29th, and again the club has a table, if you have anything to peddle...

The season's coming - get 'cher self and 'cher bike ready!!

Secretary's Report

By J.T. Wagner

We had 37 people at the breakfast this month, plus guests. A couple members renewed. The Blackhawk club swap-meet is April 29. The club has reserved a table, but needs some one to volunteer to be there to open up and pay for the space. Bert will be down later. If any one has any questions about helping or selling anything there, contact Bert Hefty or Steve Huber.

The Wild Goose Run will be held April 22 up near Beaver Dam. If you want tickets, let Tom Van Horn know. He will be ordering a block of them for the club.

Bert has reserved Brigham county park for the club picnic. June 3rd. It will be pot-luck. Todd Herbst, Bert Hefty and Lloyd McCabe have volunteered

to cook. Picnic begins at 12:00 noon and the food will be served around 2:00.

Steve passed around a sample of the rally pin and told us that the price was much cheaper than the pewter ones that we had been getting. \$512.00 and change.

Rally chair Bert says we need door prize donations for the rally. Please help! The club voted to continue the raffle for the larger ticket door prizes that we've done before, such as a helmet, electric vest etc.

The search is also still on for a new campground for the following year or years. Bert is trying to get the campground to allow the Bagley Youth Group to sell food at the rally.

Todd Herbst is going to lead a farewell to highway 131 ride on April 14. Rain date will be April 21. As you may or may not know, highway 131 is being "fixed", as in neutered. The curves and twisties are going to be straightened out.

The 50/50 drawing went to Steve Huber. The free breakfast for April went to Jim Dickey.

The next breakfast will be April 1st. No, that's not an April fools' joke.

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Madison Motorcycle Club Banquet

By Chuck Rabideaux

On February 17, 2001, about 60 people attended the annual Madison Motorcycle Club banquet at the American Legion in Cross Plains. Dave and Sharon Maly, Ben Cimino, Karl and Jan Schmidt, Joe Reda, and I attended from our club.

The event was pay at the door, \$15 per person, but required reservations. Included in the price, a happy hour commenced at 6:00 PM, with mix your own drinks from their good selection of liquor, beer, soft drinks, and basic munchies.

Banquet Report continued:

The family style dinner consisted of Swiss steak, ham, mashed potatoes and gravy, coleslaw, rolls, and a MMC cherry/cheese dessert. The food was very good. After dinner was the traditional, apparently obligatory, and seemingly endless door prize session.

Then Bill Woodson came on and spoke about his 15,000-mile motorcycle journey around the world with Helge Peterson's tour. Bill presented 100 slides. By his informative comments and thoughtful commentary, he shared his experiences about the portion of the trip through Japan, China, Siberia, and Ukraine. Many of the pictures included faces of the local people.

One slide showed a group shot of the riders in a huge square paved with brick. Bill described how the entire group of riders arose extra early one morning, leaving their mandatory tour guide, for that group picture in Tiananmen Square taken just before the Chinese authorities escorted them away from that unauthorized location. After Bill's presentation, many people stayed for about an hour, talking about travel, bikes, and people.

Slip-Slide Ride 2001

By Steve Huber

The forecast didn't look promising: rain, wind, sleet and maybe some snow thrown in for good measure. A quick call was made to Rob who stuck his head

out the door and said, "Nope, no snow or rain here, c'mon up!"

I hooked up with Bob Rogers & Ken down in Stoughton. They had thoughtfully already loaded the trailer with Bob's Honda quad and snowmobile, and Ken's three-wheel ATV and snowmobile (I love avoiding work). We were off in a not-too-promising rain.

Fortunately the rain slacked off as we moved north. We needed both truck and human fuel, so Ken suggested the Chicken Ranch, a truck stop just outside Endeavor/Packwaukee where he'd rewired the entire gas station (Ken's an electrician). I figured that was a good omen: after all, what possible chance was there for us to go up in a ball of fire?

We didn't explode from gas, at least not immediately. It took awhile for the breakfast to work its magic on us.

Locating Rob's place was easy; the trip up Rob's semi "improved" driveway was "interesting" with a full-length van towing a full-length trailer. The word 'low co-efficient of friction' just begins to describe it. Once we made the top, again, those who loaded the trailer did all the work. Damn, back injuries can be useful.

Greeting us were Rob, (buddy) Steve, Bert & Zach, Todd H, and Todd E. Rob thoughtfully (foolishly?) had already warmed up two Rokons (a '68 and '72?), a 175cc Honda, a 100cc Kawi 2-stroker, and a big-bazooby 650cc ATK that you needed a step-ladder to mount.

When I finally made it into Rob's house there was the distinct aroma of fresh paint and a surprising lack of motorcycles inside. Rob explained that the furnace heat exchanger exploded a couple weeks previous, leaving the entire insides coated with soot. He had spent the past couple weeks wallpapering and painting to get the place ready. Whatta guy!

After beating the machines around the front and back estates (and managing to break only two bikes...), we headed indoors. Rob had the Paris-Dakar 2000 tape running and great bar-b-que ready for us. Ken cooked up some venison hot dogs and we replenished our energy reserves.

All in all it was a great break to the dreary winter blahs, even with a day bracketed by the persistent drizzle.

Cooper Recalls Certain Motorcycle Tires

Submitted by Tom Van Horn

NHTSA Recall No. 01T002/Cooper Recall No. 113

Detroit, MI- The National Highway Transportation Administration (NHTSA) has published a recall affecting the Cooper 130/80R17 65H, 140/80R17 69H and 150/70R17 69H motorcycle tires. The affected models were manufactured between January 1994 and May 2000.

Tire Recall continued:

Certain Cooper-Avon Tyres Ltd motorcycle tires, sizes 130/80R17 65H manufactured from Aug. 7, 1995 through Feb. 26, 2000; 140/80R17 69H manufactured between Jan. 3, 1994 and May 13, 2000; and 150/70R17 69H manufactured between Feb. 27, 1995 and Nov. 7, 1998, may develop radial cracks between tread lugs in the shoulder area.

In certain service conditions where excessive flexing of the tire sidewall occurs, this may lead to a separation between components in the shoulder/sidewall which in turn may lead to a sudden deflation of the tire. Should this condition occur, a vehicle crash, personal injury, or death could be the result. Driving at highway speeds should be avoided until the tires have been inspected and replaced.

1,729 tires are affected by this recall. Cooper will notify its customers to return these tires to their local dealer for free replacement tires. The manufacturer has reported that owner notification began Jan. 23, 2001. Owners who do not receive the free remedy within a reasonable time should contact Cooper at 1-800-624-7470.

AIM/NCOM MOTORCYCLE E-NEWS:

Submitted by Tom Van Horn

HELMET LAW REPEAL BILLS
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UPCOMING EVENTS:

April 1, Sun: Club Breakfast, 9AM at the Maple Tree, McFarland, WI. Spring is just around the corner. Will your bike be one of those in the lot?

April 14th, Sat: Farewell to 131 tour — come join in to a farewell worship of the twistiest road in Wisconsin. Todd Herbst will be leading the ride — meeting at the Citgo in Cross Plains at 10am. Rain date Apr. 21
P.S. Bring your sticky sidewalls.

April 22, Sun: Wild Goose Run, 12 noon at Niles Restaurant (formerly the Pyramid) east of Beaver Dam, WI. \$8 per person. See T Van Horn for tickets.

April 28, Sat: Madison Motorsports open house and madison motorcycle club poker run. Poker run leaves from Madison Motorsports @ 10am. Food and activities throughout the day.

April 29, Sun: BMW Flea Market Winnebago Co. fairgrounds, Pecatonica, IL. 10 miles east of Rockford on US Hwy 20. Our club will have a table there for selling items.

May 4-5, Fri-Sat: Mischlers Spring Fling. 20% off storewide. New Harley and BMW Demo rides — weather permitting.

May 18-21, Fri-Sat: GR3 Rally. Join us in a farewell to Jellystone Campground.

the five years since the repeal of the federal helmet law mandates on November 28, 1995, five states have succeeded in amending their helmet laws; Arkansas in 1996, Texas in 1997, Kentucky in 1998, Louisiana in 1999, and most recently Florida in 2000. In the

meantime, the Washington State Legislature will consider a bill that would define exactly what a legal helmet is, in an effort to curb overzealous "beanie helmet" enforcement, and Massachusetts legislators will be debating the merits of a bill to require car drivers to wear helmets too!

CHILD PASSENGERS MAY BE BANNED FROM BIKES. In a bizarre new trend, three states have now introduced legislation to make it illegal to ride a child on the back of a motorcycle. Hawaii's bill HB923 would ban children under the age of 12 from riding as a passenger. Maryland's HB739 originally banished kids under 12 from the back of bikes, but has been amended to state that a passenger's feet must rest firmly on passenger footpegs. But most disturbing is Pennsylvania's bill, SB248, which would prohibit passengers under the age of 18, regardless of the fact that persons 16 or older can obtain a permit to operate a motorcycle!

DON'T FOLLOW ME, I'M LOST TOO. According to the U.S. Department of Transportation, the total mileage of public highways and streets in the United States is 3,889,299 miles. Even-numbered U.S. routes go east-west, odd numbers go north-south. Three-digit interstate with the first number even (270) indicates a route through or around a city. First number odd (195) indicates a spur into a city.

EUROPEANS RESOLVE TO MAKE
CRASH BARRIERS SAFER FOR



Yes, it's the irrepressible Meredith Hassall demonstrating proper safety apparel for sport riding. She rented this Cagiva by the minute outside a drugstore in Heidelberg

MOTORCYCLISTS. The European Parliament has adopted a resolution at the request of the Federation of European Motorcycle Associations regarding making crash barriers safer for motorcycle riders.

FEMA pushed for the resolution because of their concern with a report, "Priorities in EU Road Safety," which advocated safety barriers as a way to improve road safety, but failed to mention that crash barriers are the cause of 10-15% of all fatal motorcycle accidents in Europe and also cause very severe injuries.

FEMA recognized that crash barriers can be of benefit to the majority of road users, but wanted the risk they cause to motorcyclists to be recognized and some emphasis to be put on existing secondary safety measures to address those risks.

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Upcoming 2001 European Rallies

By P.J. Francis

Malvern UK. The BMW Club of Great Britain and Ireland will be holding its 50th Anniversary celebrations at Malvern, UK on 17, 18, 19 August 2001. Camping, hotels, win a BMW, BMW GB on site, trade stands, classic BMSs, motojumble (swapmeet), entertainment, celebration dinner, prizes.

This will be the largest BMW event ever staged in the UK or

Ireland. Information and book forms available soon.

Killarney, County Kerry, Ireland. The 2001 FIM Rally is taking place in Killarney, County Kerry, Ireland on 5, 6, 7 July. It is based on the usual format of camping and hotel accommodation, official arrival ceremony, parc ferme, entertainments and the Parade of Nations. There will be bus trips to places of interest. Info from David Gibson in Dublin on 011 353 14920937.

If I were going there I would rent a bike in either England or Ireland. There are several companies in the bike rental business. Readers will probably have seen their advertisements in bike magazines. Those with internet access can check them out in detail.

After attending the rally and touring the wonderful Kerry/Cork region, I would head north hugging the coast all the way. Counties: Limerick, Clare, Galway, Mayo, Sligo, Donegal, Derry, Antrim. Regions of particular interest: The Burren, Connemara, The Rosses, Giant's Causeway, Antrim Coast Road. Some of the world's best scenery and roads.

At Larne I would take a ferry to Scotland - one of the motorcycle tourer's Must Do Sometime places. After exploring the mountains, glens, lochs, glens and investigating monsters, kilts, bagpipes and haggis, (ed.: Hey, what about scotch whisky? How do you think this newsletter gets done?) I would reluctantly

European Rallies continued:

return to base.

A good map to acquire for this trip would be Michelin #986 of Great Britain and Ireland. Michelin, 38 Clarendon Road, Watford, Herts WD1 1SX, England.

For further information call P.J. Francis at 815-633-5985.

MOA International Rally - July 19-22, 2001 -

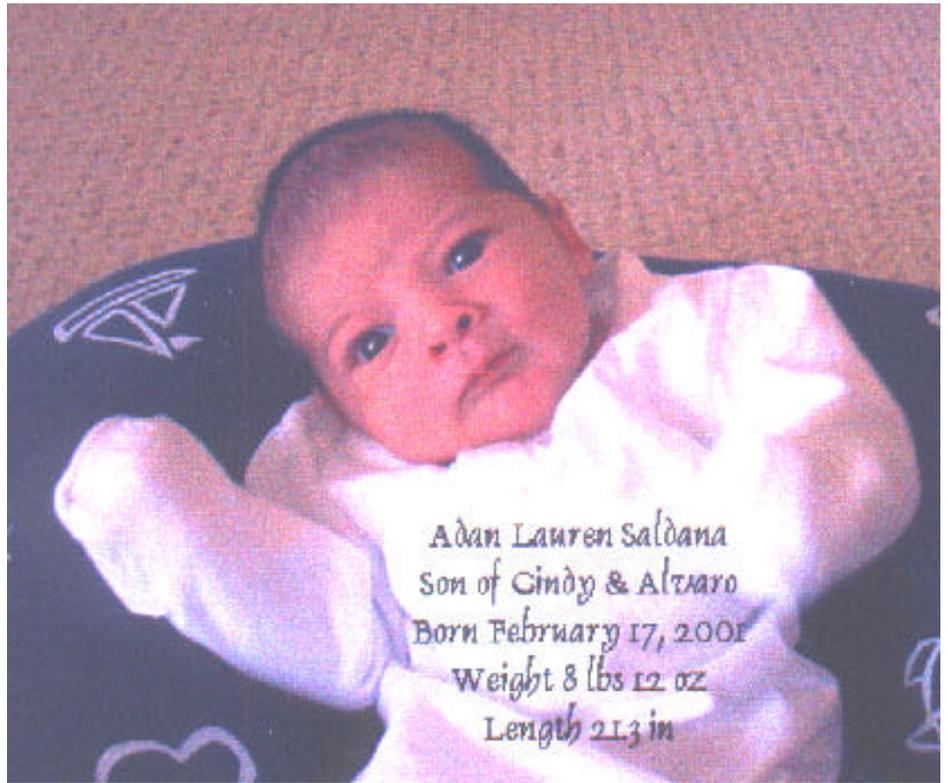
By P.J. Francis

The 2001 Motorcycle Owners of America (MOA) Rally will be held at Redmond, Oregon. Now that would be a nice trip. Though not a very enthusiastic rally person, it would fit in nicely with a six year idea of mine.

The idea? To ride Route 20 to the west coast. I rode it in '95 as far as Valentine, Nebraska. The Illinois part is great. I have ridden that piece many times. The Iowa piece is OK. Beats the freeway. One sees rural America. The Nebraska bit (to Valentine) is somewhat dull.

A perusal of my wall map of the States indicates that 20 gets more and more interesting the further into Wyoming one goes. The Idaho and Oregon bits look great. Redmond is just north of Bend on Route 97.

There are interesting diversions en route. Route 20 passes close to the Black Hills, Badlands, Yellowstone, Craters of the



Congratulations to Al and Cindy Saldana. Could there be a sidecar in your future?

Moon and the Grand Tetons. All worth visiting. The mind boggles. The possibilities are interesting.

changed a bit and I respectfully offer an IDEA for the upcoming rally, amidst unique circumstances, that may have merit.

Letter: A Proposal - "The Great Haul" - BMW Cycles Michigan to West Coast Redmond, OR BMWMOA Rally

My first BMWMOA rally in Branson, MO could hear the troops give testimony to the purity of BMW riders in various remarks. I recall comments from the campfires toward those RARE individuals who might trailer a bike to a rally: "We may not talk to THEM all weekend ... our bikes are for riding, not hauling!" The times have

The Pacific Northwest is a superior slice of road to travel on. I have had the good fortune to venture there in over-the-road trucking and BMW riding where the "excited yelps" of the rider bounce off the canyon walls! However, the Oregon trails and beyond are a long way from the Midwest, courtesy of the monotony of Iowa and Nebraska! And the time entailed.

THE GREAT HAUL PROPOSAL: A semi load of Beemers departs northern and central WI & Chicago to be reunited in either Portland OR or Seattle WA with their owner/riders, courtesy of

2 Wheel Tuesdays continued:

week. It's my hope to pack the parking lot this year with a more extensive "word of mouth" campaign.

I would like you to spread the word of this weekly gathering and encourage you to bring your bike and do a little bench racing/lie swapping with your fellow bikers. Once again, 2 Wheel Tuesday is open to all bikes.

If anyone has any questions, they can email me at: print4u@execpc.com.

Hope to see you all on Tuesday nights!

Steve Kohlmann

Letter: Bicycle Race Help Needed

Hi,
Saw your site on the Web. I belong to a bicycle club in Milwaukee (Just Pedal Faster)



and every year we put on a road race in the Burlington area in June. I'm wondering if a couple of your riders may be interested in helping us marshall the course. I don't know if you have members in our neck of the woods.

It would entail riding your bikes (while carrying a race official) over the 12-mile course throughout day. It's pretty fun-- I used to do it when I had a cycle.

Now, the only people I know with motorcycles ride Harleys and we definitely don't want that kind of noise. Beemers are used almost exclusively for this purpose in European bicycling races. Anyway, maybe you could mention that to some of your people.

Thanks, give me a call if you have any questions.

Bruce Bock
Just Pedal Faster Racing
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414-357-2687

Schuberth Helmet News

By Roger Klopp

In addition to helping Steve and Meredith recover their BMWs from winter storage, today turned out to be a good trip for other reasons. While schmoozing the staff at Mischler's, I asked Art if they considered carrying the newly imported DOT certified Schuberth Concept flip-chin helmets featured in this month's MOA ON. He said they should be receiving a shipment of at least 24 helmets within 3 weeks.

If you are interested, you may want to call them in April to see what's happening. These look like really trick helmets at a competitive price compared to Shoei and Arai. This sure beats having someone bring a System IV from Europe and then find out it doesn't fit.

Member Profile of Bert Hefty

When/how did you become interested in riding motorcycles? When I was 12, I saw "The Hells Angels" for the first time. Was put on a cycle by 13 (Bultaco). By 15, I bought my first Honda 50. Was hooked. And I haven't been right since.

How long have you been a member of this motorcycle club? 1991 - a long time. I've been active with the club since. VP - 2yrs. President - 4yrs. Rally Czar - 6 yrs.

What is/was your first motorcycle? 1969 Honda 50 step-thru. Never saw the road.

What is/was your favorite motorcycle?
Brown 1977/7 BMW

What is your current motorcycle? 1981
R100RT

What kind of riding do you prefer (e.g. long distance touring, dirt roads, day trips)? I like to ride period. I do a lot of commuting. Day riding and touring. It doesn't matter - dirt roads, paved roads - just as long as I can ride.

Briefly describe your most memorable experience(s) on a motorcycle (good and/or bad): 1997 - my trip to Texas. I had 12 days off and went to my first national rally. Four of us rode down and I rode back solo. 4200 miles in 8 days of riding was my first long distance in about 12 years. But going to Luckenbach Texas made the trip. Also doing a lot of northern WI riding is some of the nicest riding around.

What do (or did) you do to support your motorcycle habit (e.g. occupation)? I work maintenance for the Dane County Airport and drive cab part-time for a little extra cash.

What are some of your other interests/activities unrelated to motorcycles (hobbies, volunteer activities, etc)? If it has wheels, I like it - cars, trucks, motorcycles. Motorcycles are my first love. I do photography, a little hunting and fishing. Also like to cook. But I spend a great deal of time with my family - wife Laurel, son Zachary 16 (future Beemer rider), daughter Melanie 13, and Bruno and 'Waldo, my dogs.

Other information you'd like to share with fellow club members (family info, favorite foods, pet peeves, etc.): My biggest pet peeve is short-minded people. These are the type who think one bike is the best, the hell with the rest. A real biker doesn't care what you ride or how far you ride - just as long as you ride. I don't have to ride a million miles a year to be a "serious rider". I like motorcycles period. So I say to these kind of people, get your head out of your ass and just ride. There's just too much b.s. in the world to be this serious. Life is too short, so have fun.

It should be fun to see where this goes from here.



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