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Editor's Note:

I hear that we'll have a somewhat mild winter again this year; although some reports are saying maybe twice the amount of snow as we had last year; even at that it's nothing in comparison as what it was years ago. It'll still gives us random days of nice enough weather to get out of the garage or break away from the TV and take the bike out, I've found that it's the best time to break in a fresh set of pistons and rings especially on the air cooled older bikes. So take advantage of the nicer days if you can and enjoy your holiday safely.

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Thing that make you go "HUM" *Raul*

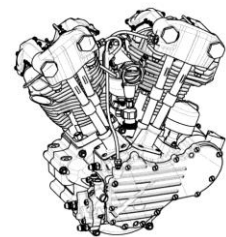


Presidents Letter:

Sunflower ride Grove Oklahoma

I rode down by myself on my 47 knucklehead just straight down 71 to I-44 then onto Grove. The motel was a small mom-and-pop, a nice place. We went to dinner at the parrot Steakhouse on the lake. It was good food and a good visit. The place had a very large parrot in the entryway he was loud and I heard a little mean. The next morning we met at Braum's for breakfast then left on the ride a little after 9. The ride was beautiful, we rode along the rock overhang going into Noel then on to Pineville for gas. Then we rode to Powell for a group photo in front of an old General store. Then on to Anderson for lunch. We filled the restaurant but they got the food out pretty fast. Larry Burke from Wichita left his ignition switch on while we ate and had to be jumped. The only other problem was Doug Rollert's gas cap was not venting, easy fix. After lunch, I cut off at Tiff City to head home. The rest of the group went back to Grove, then went to Bob Christians lady friend, Glenda's lake house for drinks. Then they went to a fancy Steakhouse for dinner. The next morning they were going to ride around the lake but rain had set n so it was cancelled. Mike Judy and his brother had to wait till Monday to ride back. If you didn't go you missed a good one. These roads in Southwest Missouri are beautiful.

Jack.



The Brave walk of Dale Miller:

Dale Miller was battling cancer; Dale left us on Oct. 20th 2017. I met Dale when I became a member with the SFTrail club in 09. Dale was our treasurer; Dale and Sherri also hosted most of the annual picnics. I remember Dale and Sherri at a wide open show one year, where he brought his flathead to show, he found a tee shirt with guns on it (the T-shirt was a highlight to Dale's day), he won 2 trophy's for his bike that day also (another highlight to the day). Some of the things he enjoyed in life, Family, Motorcycles and Guns. Dale and Sherri would pick a gun show over a motorcycle show. (Unless it was our Lawrence show)



Dale will be missed by all of us; we will keep him in our hearts and our memories.



The Ride from Warsaw to Camdenton

We loaded up the bikes Friday hooked up the trailer to the RV and drove down to Camp Walmart in Warsaw, Mo. We got up Saturday morning ate breakfast and drove out to the Dam. Shortly after we parked everybody started showing up. There were 7 of us there ready to ride. Jerry, John and Connie, Joe and his son Joseph. Elizabeth and Me (Raul). The day was awesome a great clear sunny day, it got up to 70°. Our first stop was Ha Ha Tonka park, we spent about 45 mins there.







Then it was off to Camdenton, while in Camdenton we stop at a shoe maker's shop that has been in business for generations. JP's Custom Handmade boots has made custom boots for Roy Rogers, Arnold Swarzenegger and Sammy Kershaw just to name a few, the inside of the shop looks like the who's who of Hollywood and TV superstars. They made boots to fit Rodeo people or Rodeo Dr. people (Calif)



A collection of shoes dating back to the late 1800's

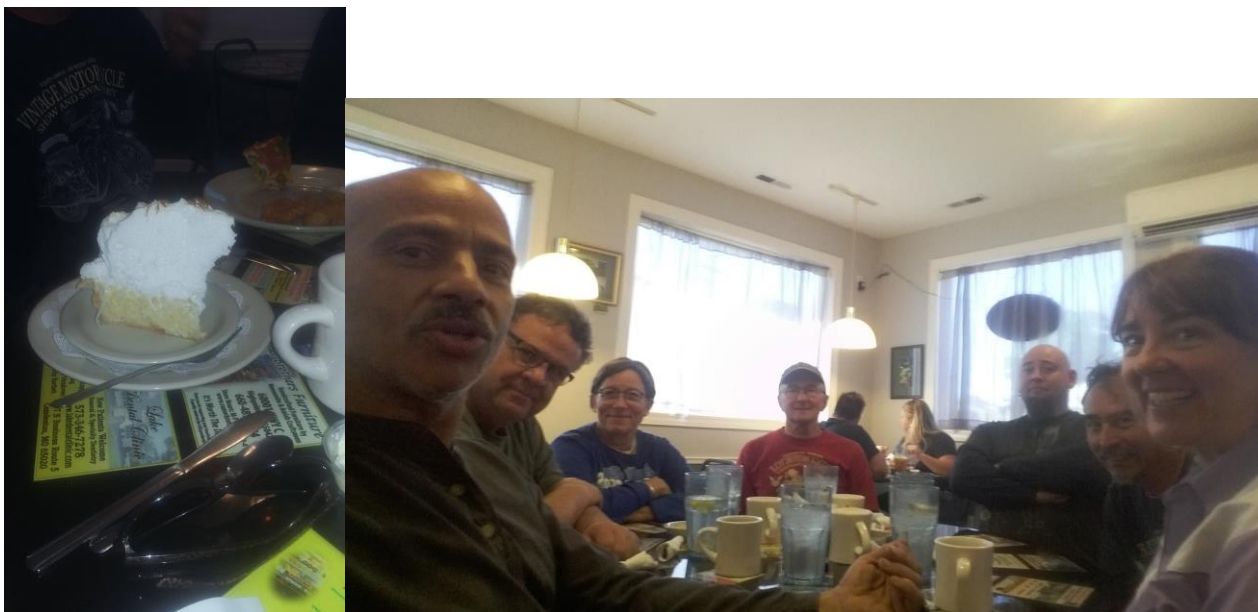


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Then it was off to RJ's restaurant where I think they had the best coconut fondue pie around.



It turned out to be a great day for the ride; for a late Sept ride, no mishaps or break downs. Jerry did a great job finding the roads and planning the ride.



The look out at the Dams Visitors Center.

Santa Fe Trail The Ride to the Ozarks

The week before, I heard that we were going to ride to the Lake of the Ozarks with a group of classic bikes from the Greater Kansas City area. Who with? Didn't hear. All I knew then was my tires and oil were being checked and I got a wash and buff. I wondered if I, we, were going to make the entire ride or if we were going to ride down on my owners' trailer and then join the other bikes. I soon found out.

Friday morning September 29th I was awoken with the garage door going up and seeing the truck and trailer nearby. I then had one question answered, we were trailing down. It also meant an overnight stay for us in a motel parking lot while John and Connie would disappear inside for the night. Oh ya, "we" consists of me, a 1974 BMW R90S and an Ural 1974 sidecar painted to look like me this past spring. My other garage buddy is a 1958 BMW R60. He wasn't going.

We headed for Warsaw, MO that afternoon and stayed at a local motel. They kept us on the trailer for the night. A little after 8, John came out to unload us and to give us both a quick rub down. I wanted more, Hack, my attached buddy, really wanted more. Neither of us got it. We rode down the road a bit and met up with 5 other bikes. A Triumph, looking smart and polished up was going to be the leader. Then came two Kawasaki's. They were a bit over confident being 900's and were needing to run. We were next in line with two Harley Davidson's behind us. One was a "bobber". This one was pretty neat as she had autographs on her tank from people who thought she was cute. Her companion watched over her carefully. I think he just liked looking at her behind.

We headed out following the Triumph. We have a distinct disadvantage or two. One being, Hack and I just got hooked up in February so we are still in a learning curve. Secondly, I was built for speed, endurance and looks (smoke silver) and I am pulling along my new friend who is basically dead weight not to mention whoever is riding inside of him. Bottom line, I can't lean into curves, takes a bit longer to get going to the sound barrier and hills and tight curves make my owner cautious. The other bikes were nice. We kept a pretty nice speed of around 60 heading for our first major stop before lunch which is a park know as Ha Ha Tonka. It was my first time to see it. Well, I got to see two parking lots, but one did have a nice view of the lake with people fishing and boating. We then headed into Camdenton for a stop at JP's Custom Handmade Boots shop. I go to lead the way as my owner knows the boot maker. And yes, he had a pair of his boots on that day. We met a local who had a number of classic and antique bikes too. Interesting conversation amongst the owners as he looked us over. Then we headed for a human lunch followed up by a stop for us before we headed back.

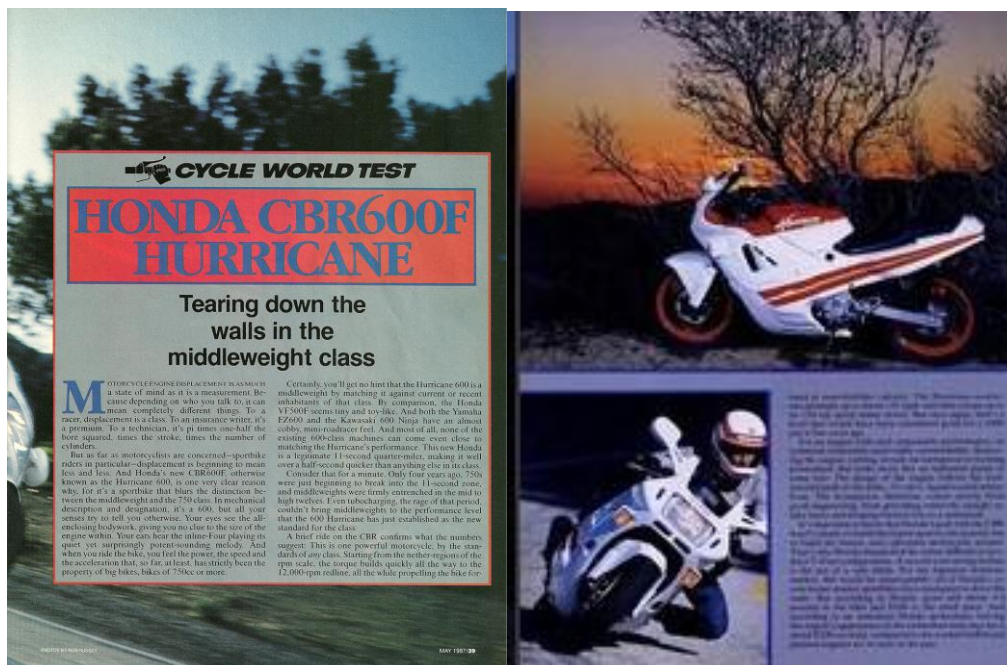
The ride back was a bit different. Hwy 5 and then 7 were hilly and curvy. The Triumph and Kawasaki's took off as soon as we left town. I gave it my all but after a bit, they were too far ahead to be seen. The Harleys stayed behind encouraging us along until we came to a staging area south of Warsaw. They said hi and then bye and soon they were the leaders. We came in a distant 6th, but, we had a great time anyway. The colors were just turning. The smells of fall were in the air. It was a great trip.

P.S. I did talk to my buddy the R60; he wants to go next year by himself.

John Freeman

New Rides to them:

I (Raul) recently acquired a 1st yr. 1987 Honda Hurricane CBR 600F. Not only that it's a 1st year, it also belonged to a friend of mine Roy that bought it brand new from Freedom Cycles in Grandview. When I would see him I would ask if he's ready to sell it. Well, he called me and offered me the Hurricane, I asked what he'd take for it, he said "I just need it out of my garage, the last time I started it was 5yrs ago". I think the last time it was ridden seriously was 18yrs ago the tags were 1998. Needless to say the next day I loaded up the trailer and went to get this Hurricane from being a cumbersome object to him. I would have never thought that I would have acquired it the way I did, yet, I'm very thankful. He said that I was the only person he could think of that would more than likely appreciate it and bring it back to life. That I will always be very thankful for.



For those who haven't yet seen it, here is the 2018 poster that Don Lipsky designed. Thanks Don.

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"On The Trail"

Is a quarterly newsletter of past, present and future events, it's published during the months of Feb, May, Aug, Nov.

Up Coming Events:

*Dec 10th- Annual Holiday Party at BD's Mongolian Grill. 2pm-3pm social hr, 3pm-? eat.

11836 W 95th st
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66214

E-Mails will go out for reminders.

*Jan 20-21 2018-Wide Open bike show
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*Feb 5th 2018-SFTrail Show and Swap
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*July 2018 Wild Ones Weekend @ the
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