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One thing I have learned in this world is that the only thing constant is change and we have plans for some new fun stuff coming in Thunder Roads for 2017.

Beginning with this issue you will be seeing a new feature article called "Playing in the Cat Box". It is written by my good friend Danny (AMCAT Cycle) Martin, a bike shop owner and builder out of Indiana. His writing will address all things motorcycle...repair issues, maintenance, riding safety and who knows what else. Danny has a quick wit and good sense of humor so I'm looking forward to his stories keeping everybody informed and entertained. Also, starting with the April issue, each month we will choose one of Florida's 67 counties and tell you what that county offers us as motorcyclists, including the best rides, hotels, restaurants, watering holes and more. Our mission is to always keep the readers informed as to what is happening in this beautiful state, so you can get out there and enjoy the ride.

Three new reps have joined the team and we are excited to have them spreading the Thunder. Donnie Reese is in Jax Beaches and St. Augustine, Tony Pettinicchi in Brevard County, and Francis "Pope" Dorsey in Seminole and Orange County. This year's biker calendar is jam packed with events to keep us all busy and it gives us the opportunity to meet new people and make new friends. Please say hello if you see us at your event. And be sure to follow the Thunder Roads Facebook site to tag pictures of you and your friends at events we cover. Finally, please continue to support our family of advertisers because they are the ones that make this all possible.

See ya on the road,

T.J.



Biking TRI CITY CYCLES Business:

BY LULU

In a world where businesses come and go, there are few that have history...Tri-City Cycles in Flagler Beach has been in it for the long haul! Started 36 years ago, in 1980 by Fred Hambleton in Bunnell, he moved to the current location a year after opening. After five years in business he sold Tri-City Cycles to Ed and Denise Sarfde. They built the business and reputation over their 11 years at the helm until Ed passed away. Current owners Scott and Judy McNitt were friends of the Sarfde family and Scott had dreams of changing from

his 20 years in the auto repair industry to motorcycles, but didn't want to step on the business of his friends. So, it was only an answer to prayers for both Denise who needed a buyer and Scott who wanted a business for the ownership change. Two years after leaving Tri-City Cycles Scott hired Denise back and to this day it is "home" to both Denise and the McNitts. Denise is originally from Lowell, Massachusetts and Scott from Jamestown, New York, but their hearts and years in Florida make them true Floridians.

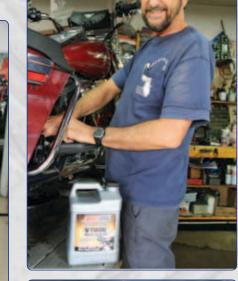
Thunder Roads Florida's history with Tri-City Cycles is longstanding also. The second ad client to support our magazine, Scott has worked on Bull's 3 Harley's, my Sportie and Kneecap's bikes over the years. This is a true motorcycle parts and repair shop. After years of wrenching automobiles for work his passion was fixing his and friends bikes. He is Harley & Metric qualified with 19 years of experience!!! They have very competitive prices on tires and service work on all makes and models. The hourly labor rate is \$70 an hour. They are fair and honest! Tri-City Cycles tries to have you in and out in one day. The t-shirts they sell state "The Road Goes on Forever and the Party Never Ends", and as we all know who love the ride that is a motto we live by. Scott's role is to "Keep them on the Road"!

Tri-City Cycles has extended hours during Bike Week and Biketoberfest. During the year, they are only open 9-6 Monday through Friday, but to keep everyone on





the road during major rallies in town they work straight through which will include March 1st-18th. Towing is available. Tri-City is located at 308 S. 2nd Street, in Flagler Beach, not far from Finn's. Their phone number is 386-439-3967. You can find them on Facebook at Tri-City Cycles. He told me he likes to tell his customers "Wear out a tire and come back to see me" ..., give them a call and they will be glad to schedule that tire change, tune-up or full service to get you ready for riding season and the spring rallies.





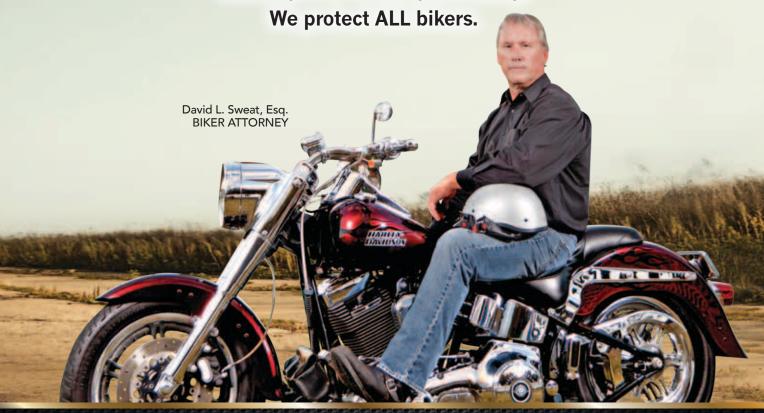
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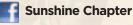
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A FINAL TOAST TO



10 years ago, I walked into Mother's in Flagler Beach and into Kneecap's world. Bull (the original owner of Thunder Roads Florida) and Kneecap became instant friends. Too many hours were spent on bar stools and guite a few hours were spent on motorcycle seats by those two. So, when Bull decided to start Thunder Roads Florida, Kneecap volunteered to write a monthly article which became Nobodies Opinion. Sadly, these two characters are gone now, if you believe in heaven maybe despite their sins they are back together riding the clouds. Kneecaps article from the onset has always been the page that garnered the most comments, both negative and positive. Kneecap certainly made us think, reminisce and laugh. He loved to ride. He loved to tell tall tales. He loved to drink. He loved his friends. He loved me. And I miss him. I am grateful for his friendship, his support during times of great sadness after the loss of Bull and his

contribution to Thunder Roads Florida. Kim hosted a memorial party at Annie Oakley's and a final toast could not have been a more appropriate way to say my goodbyes to my friend. Thank you, Kim, Irv, Annie Oakley's, to all his friends for coming and to all of you who have sent letters in complimenting his thoughts and "Opinions".





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members on bikes. Isaiah was the grandchild of Kim from the Iron Horse and as you can imagine the family is devastated. The Iron Horse threw a memorial ride to offset some of the unexpected expenses associated with the sudden loss of a young man. More important than the funds raised, the love shown to Kim and her family was very healing. Thank you to BFFAR, First Turn, Boot Hill, Chris Lounge, Iron Horse Saloon and to all of you who spent your day on two wheels to show Isaiah's family "the love".









ABATE RIDE TO VETS HOME

When it comes to helping Veterans, the motorcycling family comes together like no other. And so it was when the Southwest Chapter of ABATE sent out its notice for their annual ride on December 18th to the Douglas T. Jacobson State Veterans Home in Port Charlotte. The Home is home to 120 Veterans, 112 men and 8 women including a 98-year-old female Vet who is pictured here.

There were many patches on display, too many to list here, but attendance was guesstimated at 175 riders/passengers.

Sun Sports Cycle and its spacious parking lot served as the marshaling point. Registration was only \$5 (to cover the cost of insurance for the event) and there was an all-you-eat pancake breakfast for a modest \$5. In addition to monetary donations the riders were encouraged to bring sundry items such as socks, underwear, razors, toothpaste and brushes.

Veterans Home Administrator "Liz" Barton spoke to the riders and thanked them for their continued support. Sad to say the bikers visit will be the only visitors some of these Vets will receive all year.

Ms. Barton, a rider herself, took up a spot in line just behind Santa on a trike. At the appointed time, kickstands went up and an escort from the Lee County Sheriff's Office led the way. At the Lee/Charlotte county line units from the Punta Gorda PD took over the escort duty.

Many of the ambulatory Vets were seated outside waiting to welcome the riders. Needless to say, many of the riders were Veterans themselves and gave each Vet a heartfelt greeting.







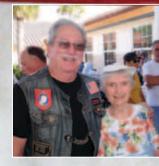












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Unfortunately, due to Kneecap's illness and deat this year, I didn't receive these photos until after his leath. So please accept my apologies for not getting these photos in earlier. I also do not have any of his notes of the event, but in the spirit of the intent of the event which is a Rotary charity for Christmas Comes True, I wanted to include these photos and thank Beach Front Grille. Special thanks to Rue & Ziffra in this worthy cause. The Rotary Club of Palm Coast took the sleigh by the bridle and I am sure Christmas Comes True appreciates their hard work.



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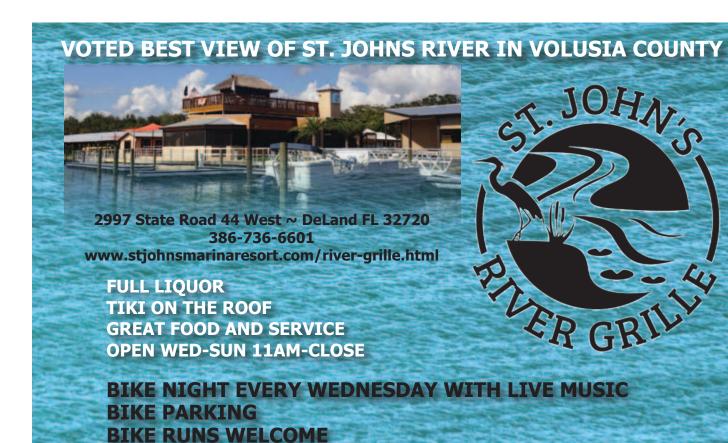












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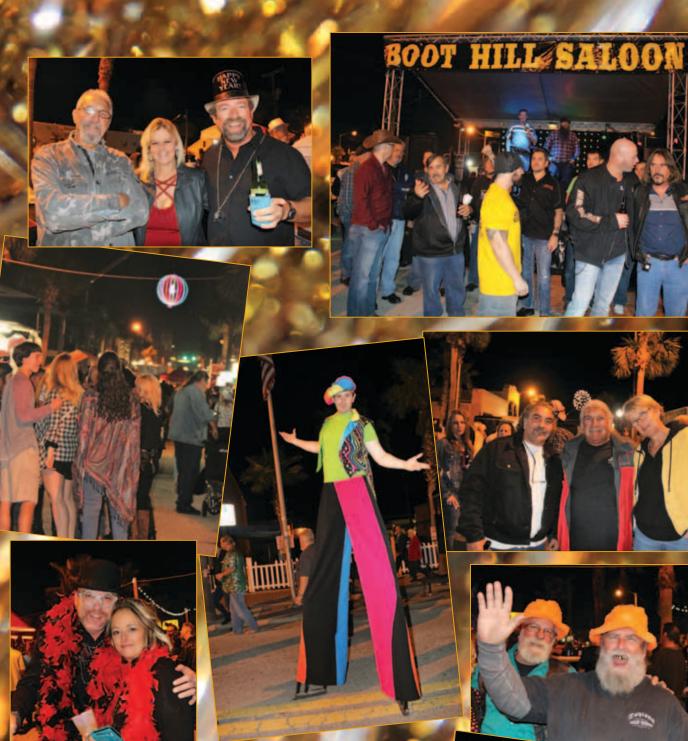
NEW YEAR'S EVE AT BOOT HILL SALOON BY LO



A combination of celebrating that 2017 was about to arrive and the anniversary of The Rock of Daytona (104.7 FM WORD) had people partying the night away at Boot Hill Saloon on Main Street in Daytona. The City of Daytona Beach closes the streets to traffic for New Year's and celebrates with a ball drop and fireworks at midnight. There were costumes, stilt walkers, music, and cake!!! Boot Hill took the time to honor the military calling branch by branch to the stage.











Model: 31 year old Amber Blankenship lives in Oak Hill, Florida and is a bartender at "The Boat" and is a Waltress at Seascape Restaurant. She enjoys riding, fishing and hanging out with family. She can be heard rooting for the Seminoles. She is a proud mother of two children, 13 year old Jason and 9 year old Halley... Bike: This bike is a 2004 Harley Davidson Classic with a solo seat. Purchased brand new now has 161,000 miles... Bike Owner: 81 year old Jerry "Generic" Greathouse got out of the Army in 1955 and now lives in Daytona Beach. He has personally driven his bike from Key West to Canada and New Jersey to Sacramento California. In 2013 he drove to Sacramento and back to Daytona and in 2014 made the trip from West Palm Beach to Stergis and back with his daughter and son. I do believe it's safe to say that he likes to ride and spend time with his family and friends... phy By: Gene Smith Photography If you or someone you know would like to model for or have your bike featured in this Amber Blankenship

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save some money by doing things yourself. I will try to give you tips and advice on things I feel you should be able to do in your garage at home. Well how cool is this? A free magazine giving you free advice to save you money. I will include some of my part numbers so if you go to your local dealer you know just what to ask for. Some things might be different, but I will do my best. So, you better get this magazine monthly so you can read and follow along! I'll even put in some pictures to give you something cool to look at. Lastly and I don't feel this really needs to be said but I'm going to anyway, if there is a specific thing that you would like to see us cover, or attempt to do for you on your bike or model feel free to write to the magazine's email and I will do my best to make your request an article. All that being said, here we go...

Now I know your bike's been sitting in the garage since Biketoberfest and the battery is probably stoned dead. So today we are going to install a YTX30 Series battery in a touring Harley-Davidson. Most of these FL bikes have the same battery from somewhere back in the 1990s through today. They retail somewhere around about \$130. We are going to install a drag specialties 2113-0107 (\$127.95 list) just for an example. If you've got a cool guy that runs your local shop it should be about \$100 bucks out the door. It comes as a kit so to speak with its own acid pack and a sweet handle to install it; because you're going to find out it's kind of hard to get that factory one out of there with no handle. That's why I picked these. Now if you're like me and it is

last minute and you really need the battery today, cuz you got to get on a poker run this is a common number. They should have it in stock everywhere. I'm sure when you get it home you're going to be in a big hurry. First thing you want to do is take the battery out of its box, peel back the little red aluminum foil cover on the top of the battery, take the black seal off the acid pack, turn it over and put it on the battery slightly tamping down the acid pack so as not to break anything or spill or squirt it. I say to do this first because it gives your battery some time to fill, some time to selfcharge and it allows the glass mat plates inside to expand before you put the black seal on the lid and cover your battery permanently.

Now comes the fun part. Grab that Phillips screwdriver, undo the screw from the back of your seat...some bikes will have bolts on the side but with this Road King we are doing today it's just a screw. Once the seat is removed you will see the battery, take your 45 Torx and remove the hold down clamp, then take your 10 millimeters or 3/8 and remove the positive cable, then the negative. Try to get your hands in there and get that old battery out of the way. To install simply grab the handle and place your new battery in there. From the nut and bolt packet use a longer bolt with the spacer to keep cables spaced from the battery giving you a little bit of room to work. First install the positive cable, then install the negative. By now your battery should be sufficiently charged enough to start the bike, although a good 2amp overnight charge is always recommended. If you did everything right your bike should fire up. Put your seat back on and get out there in the wind and have a beer for me. Hope to see you soon. Thanks for stopping by and playing in the cat box...



















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FRIDAY THE 13TH DRAWS A GREAT CROWD AT GEORGE'S TAYERN'S NEW BODY SHOP

Howlin' at the moon is called for on a night like Friday the 13th and the girls (Ramona & Tasha) know how to get a crowd together for a party. George's Tavern in Sanford on French Avenue has opened a new part of the bar, an old body shop, for a monthly bike night, complete with a DJ for dancing, beer tubs, full liquor lounge, HOT girls and plenty of bike parking. Folks were there from Seminole Harley-Davidson and Deviant Customs. Vendors and food were onsite. And the lot was still crowded at midnight. No ugly fest here gentlemen, plenty of eye candy!















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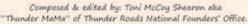








L.I.S.S. KEEP IT SIMPLE SWEETIE



I have chosen this name for our monthly recipe page, as that was what my mother, rest her soul, always used to say when I would assist her in the kitchen. Mom was an avid supporter of the K.I.S.S. (KEEP IT SIMPLE SWEETIE) method of cooking. I now, more than ever, truly appreciate her philosophy of always taking shortcuts where you can, as long as your ultimate outcome is that of down home, labor of love cooking.

HOTE COZY ENCHILADA SOUP

- 4 Cans of Progresso Chicken Cheese Enchilada Soup (this is your pre-made base)
- 1 Rotisserie Chicken from Deli; whether you choose Traditional, Garlic, Lemon Pepper, Sage & Basil. All good.
- 2 Boxes of quality Chicken Broth (not Stock) *if you can only find cans then use 4 cans
- 2 Cups of cooked Egg Noodles; drained and mixed w/ quality margarine
- 1 Cup of Half & Half

This is my fave Go-To when a group shows up and have to put something on the table.....Fast!

In a large stock pot add your 4 cans of soup and the broth. Put your Egg Noodles on to boil asap. Keeping your soup on medium; add pieces that you've pulled off the rotisserie chicken and chopped to a medium size. Add a heaping tablespoon on margarine and swirl all through soup. Add a palmful of basil, parsley, cumin and a dash of nutmeg. Salt & pepper to taste. Now, add your egg noodles and just let it go about 15 mins until all that delicious creaminess from the soup gets all through your chicken and egg noodles. Ladle up into big, deep bowls and I always add thin shredded Fiesta blend cheese to the top of each bowl and a dollop of sour cream is optional. Serve w/ the huge, really thin Tortilla Chips or super hot & butttery crusty bread and baby, you've got one helluva perfect meal for a cold, crisp day or just any day you want good soup that has the homemade flair but is super simple to make. Spoon Up! (Serves 8) Scale down to accommodate for just yourself or for two people, four, etc.

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY BIKER LOVERS!

FROM CANS OF CRESCENT ROLLS TO SCRUMPTIOUS APPLE DUMPLINGS

- 2 Cans of Pillsbury Crescent Rolls; roll the entire cans out onto floured counterspace or cutting board.
- 2 Granny Smith Apples; cored and peeled and cut vertically in half and then half and half again. Should come up 8 pcs. per apple and the Crescent rolls have 8 triangles per can.

In a larger glass measuring cup, nuke and melt a whole stick of butter. Add 1-1/2 cups of sugar, a Tbls. of cinnamon and a teaspoon of quality Vanilla to same glass measuring cup and stir w/ a spatula until well mixed. Separate your triangles and place a wedge of apple at the widest end and roll up into the point and then tuck the ends up into the folds of the little packet. Do this with all of them and place in a buttered 9x13 glass or ceramic baking dish. Take your spread in the measuring cup and using your spatula, cover each packet completely on the top as possible. Now, this is a bit tricky so just do it carefully.....take a full can of Sprite soda and pour all along the sides only of the packets. Make sure you do not get any on the topping. Do it slowly and it will start flowing in between and all around the packets while not disturbing the topping. Bake in a preheated oven of 350 degrees for 35-40 mins. until golden brown. This makes the most crispy, tender Apple Dumplings imaginable and a tremendous sauce to go over them. All you have to do is spoon quality vanilla ice cream on them and WoooEee! your tastebuds are doing the Snoopy Happy Dance. Just SO dang good and so dang simple to make.

SUPER SEXY VALENTINE MIMOSAS

- 1 Bottle of Champagne of Ballatore Sparkling Wine or
- 1 Glass Pitcher of Premium Orange Juice; made from frozen of from the carton. Only fill 1 1/4 of the way up. The rest of the way pour in the champagne.

Fill champagne flutes with mixture and leave just a tad of room for several drops of either cherry juice or pomegranate juice for a red color and slightly sweet flavor. Stir.

CHEERS TO ONE AND ALL. MAY YOU ALWAYS KEEP YOUR PASSION ALIVE.







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JANUARY 28 (Saturday)

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11th ANNUAL DANIA BEACH VINTAGE BIKE SHOW-DANIA BEACH, Frost Park, 300 NE 2nd St., bike show, vendors, swap meet, field games, live music by Whipping

FEBRUARY

FEBRUARY 3 (Friday)

BIKE NIGHT AT ORANGE PARK ADAMEC- ORANGE PARK, 1520 Wells Rd., 6-9p, Mardi Gras theme, gumbo. live music. 904-215-1931

FEBRUARY 4 (Saturday)

CORNHOLE MADNESS- PORT ORANGE. First Turn Steakhouse, 5236 S. Ridgewood Ave., cash prizes & giveaways, blind draw/double elim., Reg noon, bags fly 1p. \$10 pp. live music by Crush 6p. 386-788-5434. FirstTurnSteakhouse.com

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EARL'S HIDEAWAYS BIG BIKE NIGHT- SEBASTIAN, Earl's Hideaway, 1405 Indian River Dr., 7:30-10:30p live music by Seeds. 50/50, vendors, sponsored by Space Coast Harley-Davidson, used bikes for sale, 772-589-5700

FEBRUARY 10 (Friday)

COUNTRY NIGHT- PORT ORANGE, First Turn Steakhouse, 5236 S. Ridgewood Ave., Hayfire 7p, 386-788-5434, FirstTurnSteakhouse.com

FEBRUARY 11 (Saturday)

VETERANS HONOR RIDE/POKER RUN- PORT ORANGE, VFW John E. Mealy Memorial Post 3282, 5810 S. Williamson Blvd., Reg 9-10a, \$20 rider/\$10 pass, includes lunch and pin, best hand \$100, worst hand \$5, benefits Veterans of War

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VALENTINE POKER RUN- WINTER SPRINGS, VFW Post 505, 420 N. Edgemon Ave., \$10 PP, Reg 8:30a, LBO 10:30a. breakfast and lunch available for purchase. stops include Shay's Airport Hangar, Rockin Rhondas, Casselberry's Patio Bar, party at The Green Parrot, LBI 1:30p, live music by Bobby Friss, \$20 tickets for 2017 Heritage Softail bike giveaway or \$10,000, 407-466-8880

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FEBRUARY 17 (Friday)

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5th OSCEOLA LAW RIDE- KISSIMMEE. Orlando H-D South, 7786 W. Irlo Bronson Memorial Hwy., Reg 8:30a, KSU 10:30a, entertainment by Big Dawg & Paul Show,

JOHNNY CASH TRIBUTE BAND- PORT ORANGE, First Turn, 5236 S. Ridgewood Ave., 7p, rain or shine. 386-788-

1st ANNUAL BIKER AWARENESS RALLY- OCALA. Tilted Kilt, 3155 E. Silver Springs Blvd., \$10pp, 100% benefits this year's recipients: Marie Perez, Craig Hughes, Revv Lefty, Angela Lashley, Stephen Higgins, Kelly Hamby, Reg 11:30a, KSU 1p, live music by Mike Smithers 3:30-4:30p, Copper Gypsy 5-6p, Infuzion Band 6:30p, vendors, food, beer tent, bike games, 352-239-4365/352-615-7607

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FEBRUARY 19 (Sunday)

FREE BBQ/SWAP MEET- SAMSULA, Cabbage Patch Bar, 549 Tomoka Farms Rd., live music, free space, free BBQ, 386-405-5525, CabbagePatchBar.com

22nd ANNIVERSARY MIDWEST MOTORCYCLE BIKE SHOW- ORMOND BEACH, Beaver Bar, 1105 N US Hwy 1, 9a-9p, bike show, vendors, Billy Lane guest judge, music by Crashrocket, breakfast buffet til 11a, 386-257-6265

LAMA ST. AUGUSTINE BIKE DAY- ST. AUGUSTINE. Ancient City Brewery, 3420 Agricultural Center Dr., live music, noon-3p

SHANYTOWN CONCERT- SEBASTIAN. Earl's Hideaway 1405 Indian River Dr., Van Zant Legend lives on, 772-589-5700, www.earlshideaway.com

FEBRUARY 23-24 (Thursday-Friday)

MISS INTENT- DAYTONA BEACH, Boot Hill Saloon, Mair Street, 9p

FEBRUARY 25 (Saturday)

BUFFALO SOLDIER NATIONAL EVENT-JACKSONVILLE, Adamec Baymeadows, 8909 Baymeadows Rd., ride reg 8a, KSU 10a, \$25 lunch and bike games; banquet &dance at 9p-1a \$50/dance only \$15 at door, 904-493-1931, 904-465-2097

LIVE MUSIC AT PUGS- EUSTIS, Pug's Pub, 925 Bay St., live music by Southern Classic, 352-357-8028

4 PLAY- PORT ORANGE, First Turn, 5236 S. Ridgewood Ave., 386-788-5434

BBQ. BLUES & BIKES- LIMESTONE. Herb's Limestone Country Club, 5127 S. CR 663, 941-468-4829

FAT CACTUS- DAYTONA BEACH, Boot Hill Saloon, Main St., 9p

FEBRUARY 26 (Sunday)

CAR & BIKE SHOW- JACKSONVILLE. Adamec Baymeadows, 8909 Baymeadows Rd., 10a-3p, live music, 904-493-1931

DAYTONA 500- PORT ORANGE, First Turn, 5236 S. Ridgewood Ave., happy hour during race, 386-788-5434

BLACK JACK RUN- PUNTA GORDA, Cold River Saloon, 3149 Duncan Rd., 941-505-0798

WINTER BIKE FEST- WESLEY CHAPEL, Quail Hollow. 6225 Old Pasco Rd., bike show, vendors, food and drink specials, poolside party, noon-6p, 813-333-0033

MARCH

MARCH 3-5 (Friday-Sunday)

BIKE WEEK KICK OFF PARTY- JACKSONVILLE. Adamec Baymeadows, 8909 Baymeadows Rd., live bands 3 days, bike night 6-9p Friday, Sat/Sun 11a-4p: demo truck and Wall of Death Sat/Sun, vendors, food, drinks, raffles, 904-493-1931

MARCH 4 (Saturday)

UMATILLA SON BIKE & CAR SHOW- UMATILLA. Umatilla First Baptist Church, 550 Hatfield Dr., 10a-4p, free entry, F.A.I.T.H. Riders MC Ministry, 386-299-3189 Ed

BIKE WEEK KICK OFF PARTY- CLEMONT, Stormy Hill H-D, 2480 S. Hwy 27, food & beer, bikini bike wash, music by Highway Starz, 10a-4p, www.stormyhillharley.com, 352-

MARCH 10-11 (Friday-Saturday)

2017 SUNSHINE NATIONAL MEET- NEW SMYRNA BEACH, 625 Tomoka Farms Rd., celebrating 60 years of the Sportster, field games, antique motorcycle show, swap meet, low country seafood boil, AMCA judging, SunshineAMCA.org

MARCH 10-19 (Friday-Sunday)

BIKE WEEK- DAYTONA BEACH

MARCH 11 (Saturday)

DOWNTOWN FT. MYERS BIKE NIGHT- FT. MYERS. vendors, music, 6-10p, RiverDistrictEvents.com

MARCH 12 (Sunday)

9th ANNUAL SAM SWOPE MEMORIAL CHARITY RIDE- ORLAND/DAYTONA BEACH, Volusia Top Gun, 2900 Bellevue Ave., 8:30-10:30a, \$30 day of ride, grand prize 2017 Heritage Softail, live music, lunch, www. samswopecharityride.org

BIKE WEEK PARTY- PORT ORANGE, The Boat Bar, 5395 S. Ridgewood Ave., 2-6p, BBQ, live music by Red Gate, 386-333-9909

MARCH 16 (Thursday)

LEATHER & LACE BIKER RODEO- EDGEWATER. Angels Landing, \$10 pp. 3p. 386-345-0562

DAYTONA TT RACING- DAYTONA, International Speedway, flat track racing CHOPPER TIME- ORMOND BEACH, Tropical Tattoo, bike show. live music. 11a-4p

MARCH 17 (Friday)

28th ANNUAL BOARDWALK BIKE SHOW- DAYTONA BEACH, free to public, 11a-5p, 727-935-4875

MARCH 18 (Saturday)

GOODBYE PARTY- PORT ORANGE. The Boat Bar. 5395 S. Ridgewood Ave., 2-6p, live music, 386-333-9909

MARCH 19 (Sunday)

21st ANNUAL PORT ORANGE POLICE ATHLETIC LEAGUE MC FUNDRAISER- SAMSULA, Cabbage Patch. 549 Tomoka Farm Rd., \$20 for ticket to win 2016 Street Glide or \$14,000 cash and 10 \$100 winners, only 3000 tickets sold, drawing at 1pm, 386-506-5877

MARCH 26 (Sunday)

CHASCO FIESTA CAR. TRUCK & BIKE SHOW- NEW PORT RICHEY, Reg 8a-noon, Orange Circle (Lake), 727-236-0959

MARCH 31 (Friday)

MICKEY'S BAR & GRILL- CRYSTAL RIVER, Mickey's Bar & Grill, Hwy 44, next to Tire Kingdom, live music by Bandit, 8:30n

OCALA BIKE FEST- OCALA, live music, vendors, poker run bike & car show, tattoo contest, 352-351-9048

NATIONAL EVENTS

MARCH 10-19 BIKE WEEK 2017-DAYTONA BEACH, FLORIDA

APRIL 19-23 ANGEL CITY- UNADILLA, GEORGIA

APRIL 28-30 LEESBURG BIKE FEST-LEESBURG, FLORIDA

MAY 3-7

THUNDER BEACH SPRING RALLY-PANAMA CITY. **FLORIDA**

MAY 26-28

MAGGIE VALLEY SPRING RALLY-MAGGIE VALLEY, NORTH CAROLINA

RIDE ROUTE 66-WILLOW BROOK, ILLINOIS, 352-684-5293, RideRt66.com

AUGUST 7-13 STURGIS BIKE RALLY-STURGIS. SOUTH DAKOTA



A Mafia Godfather finds out that his bookkeeper, Guido, has cheated him out of \$5 million dollars.

His bookkeeper is deaf. That was the reason he got the job in the first place. It was assumed that Guido would hear nothing, so he would never have to testify in court.

When the Godfather goes to confront Guido about his missing \$5 million, he brings along his lawyer who happens to know sign

The Godfather tells the lawyer, "Ask him where the money is!" The lawyer, using sign language, asks Guido, "Where's the

Guido signs back, "I don't know what you are talking about." The lawyer tells the Godfather, "He says he doesn't know what you're talking about."

The Godfather pulls out a 38, puts it to Guido's head and says, "Ask him again and if he doesn't tell me, I'll kill him!" The lawyer signs to Guido, "He'll kill you if you don't tell him." Guido trembles and signs, "OK, OK! The money is in a brown briefcase, buried behind the shed at my cousin Bruno's house." The Godfather asks the lawyer, "What did he say?"

The lawyer replies, "He says screw you, you don't have the balls to pull the trigger."

During a visit to my doctor, I asked him, "How do you determine whether or not an older person should be put in a Nursing Home?' "Well," he said, "we fill up a bathtub, then we offer a teaspoon, a teacup and a bucket to the person to empty the bathtub." "Oh, I understand," I said. "A normal person would use the bucket because it is bigger than the spoon or the teacup."

"No" he said. "A normal person would pull the plug. Do you want a bed near the window?"

Bubba was taking a dump and checking out FB and read that on average; an American man will have sex two to three times a week. Whereas, a Japanese man will have sex only one or two times a year. This was very upsetting news to Bubba. He immediately called his best buddy, Earl, and said, "I know you're going to be as shocked as I was, but I just come to find out that I'm Japanese."

The location of your mailbox shows you how far away from your house you can be in a robe before you start looking like a patient who's just flew out and over the Cuckoo's Nest.

The other day my kinda' ditzy neighbor with green hair (she changes it every month), came running up to me in the driveway jumping for joy! No judgement. it's just her "thang".

I didn't know why she was jumping so excitedly but I thought, "what the hell", and I starting jumping up and down along with her as that's just the best way to pacify her.

She said, "I have some really great news!"

I said, "Great. Tell me why you're so happy."

She really is enthusiastic and sweet.

She stopped jumping and breathing heavily from all the jumping up and down, told me that she was pregnant. I knew she'd been trying for a while so I told her, "That's great I couldn't be happier for you!"

Then she said, "There's more"

I asked, "What do you mean there's more?".

She said, "Well, we are not having just one baby. We are going to

Amazed at how she could know so soon after getting pregnant, I asked her how she knew.

She said...

"Well, that's the easy part. I went to WallyWorld and they actually had a home pregnancy kit in a TWIN-pack. Both tests came out

I think it's pretty cool how Chinese people made a language entirely out of tattoos. Just sayin'.

I can't understand why women are okay that Penny's has an older women's clothing line named, "Sag Harbor."

The teacher asked the class to use the word "fascinate" in a

Molly put up her hand and said, "My family went to my granddad's farm, and we all saw his pet sheep. It was fascinating."

The teacher said, "That was good, but I wanted you to use the word 'fascinate,' not 'fascinating'."

Sally raised her hand. She said, "My family went to see Rock City and I was fascinated."

The teacher said, "Well, that was good Sally, but I wanted you to use the word 'fascinate'.'

Little Johnny raised his hand, but the teacher hesitated because she had been burned by Little Johnny before. She finally decided there was no way he could damage the word "fascinate," so she

Johnny said, "My aunt Carolyn has a sweater with ten buttons, but her boobs are so big she can only fasten eight!"

The teacher sat down and put her head on her desk.



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