



Roadbed Ministries Inc

Roadbed News

Well, Here We Go Again

Special points of interest:

- Summer Hours in effect
- Roadbed Events in calendar
- Movie Night Flyer

As you get older they say time passes quicker and quicker, I believe it. It is hard to believe it is May already, we are a few days from the Blessing up in Baldwin and a whole new year of rides and parties has started. Seems strange with everything that is going on but its getting harder and harder to keep track of it all. It was only yesterday we were racing the mechanic stools to keep the boredom at bay wasn't it?

Amy has found out her wrist will work well enough for to ride. It isn't 100%, and it still causes some pain, but she says she will put up with that if it means being able to get back out there again. She has a lot more on her plate now, she is heading up a national women's motorcycle ministry called the Remnant Daughters and is determined to do it from the back of her bike! Hey, I know the cup overfloweth but when God calls you to do something, you just do it, He takes care of the rest.

As for me, I'm just thrilled every morning I open my eyes and know I have another one before me. The "scoot" is ready to go, I'm working on a couple of Iron Butt runs, almost done with a couple of projects, riding with a new MC (the Remnant Sons) and loving every minute of what God is doing.

We have already been to a



The road beckons...

couple of the bike events as the weather turns. I am praying it is better than last year. Whether it is the economy, age or apathy, the turnouts are down. Fewer people getting out and going means its harder and harder to stay in touch. We were surprised to hear of a couple of the guys passing this past winter, the word just didn't get around and that isn't a good thing.

I am also praying for a safe riding season. We've already buried two, had several more involved in accidents and I honestly believe the cage drivers out there are getting worse than ever! As I write this I've been praying for Cory Tait (CMA) and Joni Farnol (Motor Maids) who had a mini van pull out in front of them! Some are already

facing a riding season from a porch chair rather than on a bike. Been there, done that and know that's no fun!

Here's hoping to see you now that the weather has broken (at least I think it has, it is Michigan after all) whether at the parties, runs or events. We are juggling schedules so we can get to as many as possible so perhaps we will cross paths, I hope so. In the mean time, polish up the skills, get the gear ready, plan a great ride or two and keep your eyes open. You are your best defense out there and if you aren't watching, you can bet others aren't either!

Here is to a great summer of riding, partying and enjoying what God has created for us!

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Spring is here, the weather is warming and my heart is singing. The bikes are coming out and the biker gatherings are starting. What a glorious season. A great time to be alive!

So of course when we are so happy the law of averages (Satan) says that something bad has to happen. The lives of some of the people around us are like a minefield right now. There are plenty of health issues, money problems and unemployment issues. When these things happen how do we deal with them?

We can rant, rave and carry on or show our anger so that Satan knows he is winning or we can turn to God and give

Dee's Corner...

by Dee Morin

our problems to him. He gladly will accept them and hold us tight in his loving arms.

I can't help but think about the lessons we have been learning in Sunday night services at Roadbed about the book of Revelations and the end times. How when the end comes the life we have lived, repented from and honored God with – the state of our heart - is what will make our place in Heaven or Hell. The trials and tribulations that will take place to those who are “left behind” sound far

worse than the trials we struggle with here and now on earth.

What will you choose?

If you are going thru any struggles now and want prayer please send your requests to me at dee@roadbed1.org. The power of prayer can make all the difference.

Matthew 17:20

"I tell you the truth, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for

Fall Back or Trust?

By Gary Gribble



When John first asked me to write an article for the newsletter I didn't know what to say, let alone what to write about. After some thought I decided to talk of a chance meeting I had recently.

I was shopping and ran into someone that I used to deal with when I was a Purchasing Agent. We were standing there going through the normal small talk, “How you been, what's new”, you know the routine, when the conversation got around to my being a Christian. That surprised her. She asked when and I told her I had accepted Christ in 2002 but also mentioned it took me another 5 years to get baptized. She told me she had been a believer for over 30 years and had never doubted God until about the last year and a half or so. She was having some doubts,

struggling with some issues and wondering why she was going through these things.

Not really knowing what to say, I started by asking her where she was attending church and found out she wasn't right now. It seems her old church had gone through some changes and the result was she stopped attending. I then asked if she was involved in a Bible study or small group that she could use to get the support she needed and she said she didn't. I don't know why but I started telling her what I went through this past year being out of work since January of last year. I told her that there were days that I would get down but because I had great support groups such as Roadbed, my church, small group and Bible study, and more importantly, my relationship with God, I was getting through it. On the days when I found myself having a pity party, I found God was always there and I could fall

back on him.

That's when it hit me. I suddenly realized that was part of both of our problems. Whenever it really got rough, I would “fall back” on God, instead of putting my trust in him in the first place and letting him lead! We had the wrong person leading us through the tough times!

To make a long story short, I invited her to attend my church on Sunday morning or its mid-week service on Wednesday nights. I don't know if she'll accept the invitation but that is up to her, the offer stands. As for me, after saying goodbye I realized God had put that person in my path after having not seen her for over a year. He gave me words to encourage and comfort her and I hope I was able to help in some small way. But now I also know he put her there for another reason, for me to learn something about myself too. Funny how God works eh?

Favorite Stretch of Road?

So what's your favorite stretch of road to ride? Everyone has them, it's a piece that just gets you to dreaming every time you remember it. I have been thinking about that lately and I don't know if I can pick just one any more!

There is The Dragon for all its curves, the Cherochala Skyway with all the beautiful views, a piece of road in the Hocking Hills of Ohio, Kentucky's Cumberland, the Blue Ridge Parkway, a chunk of road along Lake Michigan up north and the list goes on and

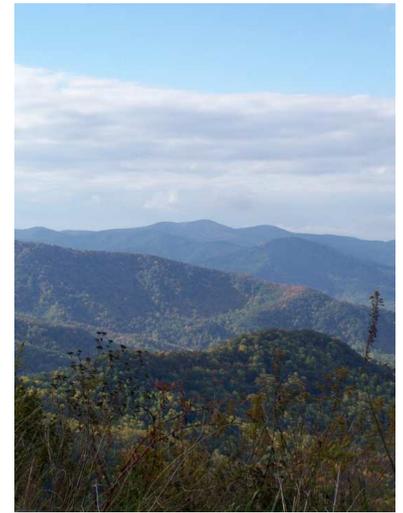
on. I guess it's safe to say there is some beautiful roads and scenery out there.

Another factor is the memories of rides with people that have become important in our lives. The scenery may not have been the greatest but just ask Hoss about riding 70 mph in rain so hard you're swimming more than riding! Or being pulled over by a trooper for doing a little more than you were supposed to near midnight in the UP with your brother laughing his butt off because "they" been chasing

you for more than a mile!

Whether it was all alone or with others I have to admit, I have been blessed to have enjoyed my rides and the roads I been down. It makes for good memories and some great conversation. I look forward to what's ahead and the new favorites coming my way.

How about you? Got some favorite runs or roads you want to share? I would love to include some of them here. Just get a hold of me, email or snail mail it to me, I'll edit, you approve, I'll print. Easy.



View along the Cherochala Skyway

Iron Butt Run



We've had a lot of people ask us when we were going to put together another Iron Butt, well you got it.

June 25th will be the departure date for those intrepid souls

that want to try doing something a little out of the ordinary. An Iron Butt is a truly a test of one's endurance but even more, a test of one's time management skills.

The object is to complete a prescribed course of 1,000, 1,500, 2,000 or 3,000 miles in a given time frame. The 1K gives you 24 hours for example.

We've done several of them in the past and had good turn out and success, it can be

done. Two factors have nailed most of those who didn't complete the course, weather and managing your time. Each course is designed so you never have to speed to complete it. Some courses required averaging only 47 mph to complete the course. But a little too long fueling up, a couple breaks, a nice sit down dinner and suddenly you're out of time. We ride any kind of weather but sometimes you have to decide when to take a

break and let it pass or when to just tough it out and get back home!

We have even had a couple do it as passengers!

If you think you can do it, want to challenge yourself a little then the Bob Hull Memorial Iron Butt Run is for you!

The courses are being laid out now. If you have any questions give us a shout or drop by, we will have all the forms. For more info, try checking out: www.ironbutt.com

Helmets Hurt Hearing? (www.news-medical.net/news/20100128)

An article in "THE MEDICAL NEWS" by Bath University researchers has brought an interesting point up in the battle over helmet laws. The findings of a study performed by Drs Michael Carley and Nigel Holt indicate that contrary to what most people think, it isn't the sound of motors and pipes

that is hurting our ears, it is wearing a helmet!

Dr. Carley said: "The noise inside the helmet at the legal speed of 70 mph is higher than the legal limit for noise at work - more than enough to cause serious hearing damage."

It's the airflow over the helmet. It isn't so much the

actual sound in the ear as the sound transmitted through the bone structure of the head.

A laboratory study is being conducted to see just how all this works and its impact on a drivers performance. The test isn't designed to end wearing helmets but to find ways to reduce hearing damages... I say just get rid of the helmet!



That ought to do it...!

