



Roadbed Ministries Inc.

# Roadbed News

## Ten Years Come and Gone...

### Special points of interest:

- 10th Anniversary of Roadbed!
- Roadbed Events in calendar
- PMS Flyer

Hard to believe Roadbed has been around now for 10 years. Sometimes it seems like we started yesterday, other times like we been doing this forever. Been an interesting ride no matter how you look at it though.

We have seen a lot of things happen over those ten years, lost a lot of good friends because it was their time. Made a lot of new friends too, been blessed as a result. The new friends have always made it easier having lost the old ones I guess.

Seen other changes too, we don't seem to be riding as much as before. Some due to injuries and health issues but sometimes it seems the building has a "stickiness" to it that keeps us here rather than out on the road. That is going to change this year...one way or another.

Every so often they say it is good to look back and then reinvent yourself. Look at what worked and what didn't, see what you did and what you wish you had, shake off the dust and just get out and do! That is the theme for this coming year, "Get out and do!"

We still have a few things to finish up in that respect. I have a 1937 Ford Pickup that is being redone and painted, the Fire Trike will be DONE this Spring and the "ambulance trailer" will have been completely refurbished. That means the chase



2001 and we had just moved in!



2011 and a whole lot of changes since!

vehicles and show boats will be ready to go too.

We are going to plan another Iron Butt run this Summer, interested? Memorial Day will find us on a run to the East Coast, want to go along? We are already signed up on several events and will be there come "hell or high water", looking to see you there? Amy and I are going to take a vacation and celebrate our 40th anniversary and I guarantee we plan to spend some time with our new Grand Daughter!

All this means some things will have to change. Our hours and availability at Roadbed may. Hopefully that won't be an issue since we will be on the road together but don't be surprised if you see the "Be Back

At..." sign up.

Ten years seems like a good point to do some of those things don't you think? I can't wait to see what God has in store for us! Looking forward to the club parties, rides and some "road time fellowship".

We will also have an 10 year anniversary pig roast and party planned for this year and I hope you will all come. We haven't seen some of you do to all things going on in our lives so it would be nice to catch up, we'd love to see you again.

Until then, got to use the rest of the Winter and early Spring to get some thing done and wrapped up. Get your "scoot" ready, want to go for a ride? I hope so, see you out there!

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## Reflections...



by Gary Gribble

As I sit reflecting on the year that has just ended it amazes me how much can happen in the short span of a year. If your year was anything like mine there were some awesome high points and some gut wrenching lows.

My year started out about as high as you can get, I started a new job after being out of work for a year. As the year progressed I found myself slipping into some old habits of taking people and situations for granted. It was all about what I could do, and forgetting to thank the One who had given it all to me.

Wasn't long before I realized the more I tried to handle

everything that was going on, the more I seemed to mess them up. I wasn't happy at work, I wasn't happy at home and I was taking my relationship with my girlfriend for granted. I thought "I could still fix everything and if I just relied on myself everything would be ok.

Boy I couldn't have been more wrong. By then the year was half over and life was really getting tough. Now relationships were taking a beating as well as finances and just about everything that could go wrong had going wrong. But still I thought I could fix things. Then Fall was here, my relationship with my girlfriend was over and right after that I was laid off again. Everything was really starting to pile up and I was trying to figure out why I

couldn't fix all this.

That's when I realized with the help of some very good friends that I was relying on the wrong person to fix my problems. See through all this I forgot to rely on God. We can't fix or get through these situations on our own. We have to submit to God and let him handle it.

I learned some tough lessons last year but I do know this, I will be keeping my eyes on Jesus from now on. I can't do anything about what has transpired this past year. All I can do is move forward and keep looking up and ask God to guide me and to try and not make the same mistakes this year. And rededicate my life to living Christ.

May 2011 be a year of new beginnings and may God grant you many blessings.

## Christian Trucker

By Adrian Rosa



My name is Adrian, they call me "Hooker", used to drive a wrecker. I'm a truck driver and a Christian. I also patch with the Remnant Sons MC. When John asked me to write this, I had no idea what to write about, I prayed about it and put it in God's hands. The topic that comes to mind the most is Spiritual Warfare. It's a daily battle for me.

Being out here on the road two to three weeks at a time can get very lonely. I get to missing friends, family and just not being able to do things with the brothers and sisters. You know, going to church, going on rides and AA meetings, I miss the fellowship. Well, after a few weeks things really started getting bad. The devil starts saying things to me. He stabs the dagger in and then he starts twisting it shoving it in

a little harder. Thoughts came to mind, "you should quit the club; nobody misses you; they forgot about you; you aren't making a difference."

The first time this was happening I really thought about quitting, reverting back to the old way of life, you know not caring about anybody or anything, just taking care of me. I had to do something. I knew it wasn't true, my life is too good to go back to the old way, all in all, I'm much happier now than I ever have been.

Then one weekend while home I found myself debating on whether to wear a Christian T-shirt or not. Little voices in my head were saying "You don't want to wear that" and another voice would say "YES YOU DO!" I wound up wearing the shirt. It says "Jesus loves the hell

out of you". How true that statement is.

So my answer to fighting the WAR was; removing all my plain t-shirts out of my truck and replacing them with all my Christian ones. The response I get from people is awesome. Some people ask about them and others just give you a look. To those you just smile and say, "hi." I have started a bible reading program, I find it helps. I also discovered I love just going up to people that look like bikers and starting a conversation with them. I give them one of my cards and tell them about the club and Roadbed. I tell them if they ever get to Grand Rapids, MI to look me up. I praise God for everything that has changed in my life. I know God is the reason things are so good.

By the way, who is leading you in your walk?



## Dee's Corner

By Dee Morin

Life is such a beautiful thing we have been given. It is our job to live it to the fullest, hopefully with no regrets and not looking back. It is our personal journey from the cradle to the grave and none of us know how long that journey will be. It is our choice how we live it, what we do with it, who we love along the way and decide what is important to us.

We are a rare breed... bikers. We love the wind in our hair and the sun on our face. Our life is brotherhood, sis-

terhood, motorcycles, clubs, parties and runs. We like the simple things. We live fast and we ride hard doing it.

But through all this, the thing we have to remember is that we need to tell those in our life how we feel about them as we go. If you love someone, tell them, because you never know when their last breath will be taken, their journey ended. Life is too short to live with regrets. Leave happy memories wherever you go.

### In Memory of Those Loved and Lost

Papa Joe  
Hut  
Bows  
Hazel  
Lefty  
Big Al  
Chief  
Mild Bill  
Scooter  
Wolf  
Saddle Tramp  
Griz  
And so many more...



The last ride home...



## Parked Motorcycle Syndrome Roll Out Blues Mechanic Stool Races Saturday, February 19, 2011

### Food: Potluck

Bring a dish—alcohol free event

Doors open at 1:31 P.M.

Races start at 2:07 P.M.

No Childcare

9 yrs. & up can race

For everyone's safety & enjoyment—"unruly" humans will be asked to leave the contest area  
For more info—call Roadbed 616 257 7040

## Year End

The phrase, "year end", has various meanings. To those who work in the financial world, it means lots of extra hours getting all the paperwork done to satisfy the legalities of keeping the finances for a company accurate. All before you can begin the new year.

For others, it means another year is coming to an end. If it has been a good year, you hate to see it go, but if it

hasn't been, you can't wait to start a new one in hopes it will be better. My last four years have been a mixture of those, major health issues with surgeries and therapy to mark the passing of time, the failing health of a parent who passed away one week after the birth of our granddaughter.

I have come to the conclusion that the "year end" of life is a time to remember the

good and the not so good of the past year. A time to celebrate new life, a time to mourn those who have gone on and the rest of the time to just enjoy each day for what it brings – the good, the bad and even the ugly.

Here's hoping you too will enjoy life and treat the year end with what it deserves – a memory, nothing more.

By Amy "Gofor" Gooch



Elizabeth Rose Gooch  
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**Roadbed Events and Activities**

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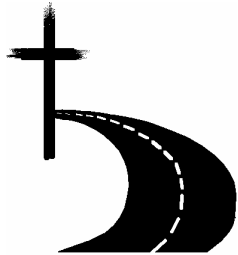
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*Winter hours are in effect; Closed Mondays, Tuesdays 3 –10 PM, Wednesdays 4:30—9 PM, Thursday 3—10 PM, Friday 3—Midnight, Saturday 11:30 AM—Midnight, Sunday 2—9 PM.*

**Mark your Calendars**

PMS - February 19th

Blessing of the Bikes - May 15th



**We're on the Web!**  
**[www.roadbed1.org](http://www.roadbed1.org)**

The economy, loss of jobs and homes is a difficult situation for many right now. It is our job to help these people as much as we can, God said "Feed my sheep". As you may know, Roadbed has an emergency food pantry to help people in crisis. We usually do a one time food draw (or once per month) and give people information where they can go for food and the help that is needed. Our food pantry, like others, also provides special meals during the holidays for those who may not have the means to celebrate. All the pantries are in need of non-perishable food items or meats (that can be frozen) to give to God's "sheep".

Canned, dry, frozen or non-perishable food items only and please, when dropping off donations check the expiration dates. We can not give out food items that are expired. Thank you for all your help and kindness.

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