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**Chapter Meeting Sat August 20 Eat at 5:30 PM, Meet at 6:30 PM**

## Chapter Picnic

This year's picnic was a rousing success. Games, food, prizes, if you missed the picnic you missed a great opportunity for some good fun. We found out just how bad a shot we were with our ring shoot and it isn't all that easy to put a banana in a coffee can. If you don't know what I am talking about just ask anyone who was there. I know there are pictures floating out there... just remember about paybacks...

It was a hot day and the pavilion at the park worked really well. We managed to stay in the shade and there was a nice breeze all day. That is except for the cooks. Many thanks to Mike who brought his tools and helped me cook the burgers and chicken. We had more food than we could eat thanks to all those who brought a dish. We owe special thanks to Bob Church who furnished the burgers, chicken, buns and many of iced down soft drinks. Please take a minute and thank him when you see him. This saved the chapter a big chunk of money that we can now use for something else.

I have had suggestions that we have two picnics a year and schedule them earlier and later to avoid

the really hot weather. Let's have some discussion on that at the upcoming meeting.

## High Mileage Competition for 2005

Mike and Kathy Lebre take the high mileage for July with 3312 miles. Jim Rippy was a distant second with 1018 miles and Bob Church was right there with 1015 miles. Gee, I think I may live about 3 miles further away from Piccadilly than Bob...



Note the background in this picture. It is the old prison in Mansfield, Ohio used for the movie Shawshank Redemption.

## BGB Raffle Tickets

Thanks to all of you who sold and bought raffle tickets. We sold 775 tickets and collected \$657. That is the best we have done in the last 3 years.

Make sure I have your email address. Best way to get the address to me is to send me an email message at [jim.rippy@insightbb.com](mailto:jim.rippy@insightbb.com). I can then reply to confirm I have your address.

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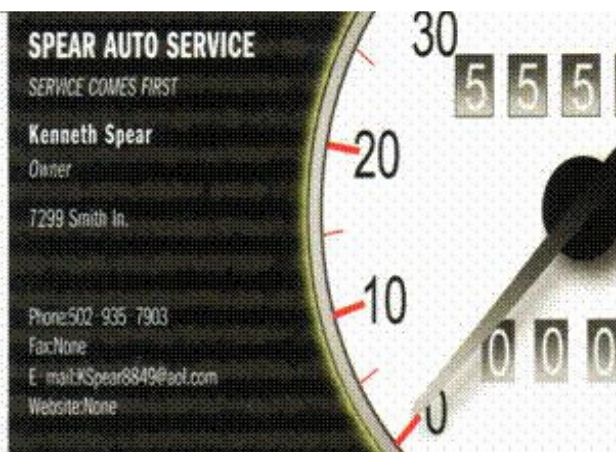
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## July Meeting Highlights

We had visitors from district at our last meeting. Jerry and Marilyn Elam our district trainers were there to award yours truly more work. I will be giving a seminar at the Blue Grass Blast on PC Maintenance. If you have a computer you will want to attend this one.

Kathy Lebre, Joett Rippey, Bob Rucinski, Don Willi won the door prizes. Bob Church and Greg Schwartzmiller won the 50/50.



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## Scheduled GWRRA Events for 2005

**Blue Grass Blast**, Paducah, KY, August 26 – 27, the district staff is working to make this of the better rallies.

**Wings over the Smokies**, North Carolina District Rally, Fletcher, NC. September 22 - 24

## July/August Dinner Rides

Thursday Dinner rides begin at the Dairy Queen on Bluegrass Parkway right off Hurstbourne Lane and I-64.

September 8 – Bearno's on Dixie Hwy, Departure is 7:00 PM.

September 22 – Branden's Bar B Que in Simpsonville, Departure is 7:00 PM

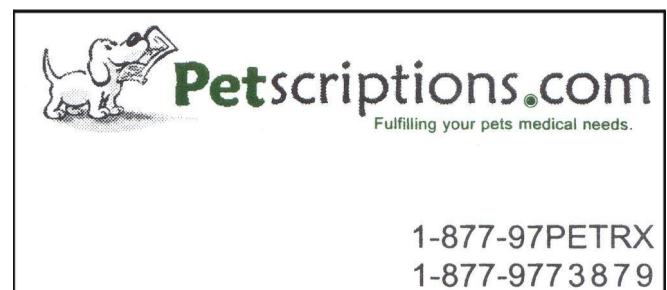
Pizza trivia: Did you know there are 197 pizza places within 50 miles of the Dairy Queen on Bluegrass?

## June/July Weekend Rides

Weekend rides begin at the Dairy Queen on Bluegrass Parkway right off Hurstbourne Lane and I-64. Departure depends on the ride, please be there a 10 or 15 minutes before the ride departure time so we can have a quick meeting about the ride with the Road Captains.

**September 11 - Saturday**, Munfordville, KY, Hart County Civil War Days, Departure from DQ at 9:30 AM.

**September 24 - Saturday**, Marion County Ham Days, Lebanon KY Main Street, Departure from DQ at 9:30 PM



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### Salute...

Victor Schwartzmiller son of Greg and Mary Schwartzmiller has left for Iraq. May God look over and protect these brave young men and women who are placing their selves in harm's way to protect our freedom and our way of life. Freedom isn't free... Special thank you to Victor, our prayers are with you for a safe return.



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### Update on Benita Lindenmayer

Benita was in an accident on her rebel on August 1<sup>st</sup>. She hit the guard rail in a curve on Hwy 44. She has broken ribs and punctured lungs. She has been in and out of surgery; the last was on Monday the 15<sup>th</sup>. She is in room 730 bed 2 at University Hospital in Louisville. She has asked that we hold off visiting for a few more days, she is still in a lot of pain. Cards and flowers are welcome and thank you for those already sent. Please keep Benita in your prayers as she recovers.

### Mammoth Cave Ride

The Mammoth Cave/Chrome Crazy ride was held on Saturday August 6. We left DQ and headed south on 31E through Bardstown and New Haven then cut across to 31W at Horse Cave. We stopped and shopped at Chrome Crazy just outside of Park City then rode over to the Mammoth Cave Hotel for lunch. After lunch we rode the back roads through the park and came out the back way into Cave City. We stopped at Big Mike's Rock Shop for a break and some more shopping, rocks and souvenirs. We saddled back up and headed back towards Louisville, cutting across through Cave City back to 31E north. We stopped in New

Haven for ice cream, really good ice cream... got back into Louisville about 7 PM, a great days ride.



We had a good turnout for the Mammoth Cave Ride.



Kentucky's biggest Rock Shop...

## Wheel Traps

By James R. Davis

As agile as we know our motorcycles are there are times when two wheels simply are not up to the tasks we present to them - unless we know HOW. For example, assume you are riding along and notice that there is a trough in the middle of the road extending for as far as the eye can see. It also just happens to be about four inches wide and about one inch deep. Like a magnet, that trough sucks your front wheel into it, the rear wheel

obligingly joins it and suddenly your wheels are trapped. You cannot steer out of it.

OK, OK, I can hear it now: 'Get real!'

Fine, so it's not down the center of the road. It's along side and some people would call it a rain gutter.

Or it is down the middle of the road, but it only has one side - they resurfaced the road, one lane higher than the one next to it.

Or you eased off the pavement and there was about a one inch drop to the apron beyond.

Or you are on a surface street and pull over to the curb and your front tire slides right up against the curb, parallel to it.

You get the picture. There are all kinds of traps out there that we don't normally have to deal with but that can be encountered at any time, and you will have no choice but to deal with them.

In every case I described above the problem is that you must either ride up and over one side of the obstacle or you must turn away from that obstacle - both of which turn out to be more difficult than first expected.

The problem, of course, is that you often simply cannot turn your wheel because it *\*IS\** trapped. An effort to turn away from the curb that your front tire is hugging finds that the rear edge of the tire must push against the curb in order for the front edge to turn away from it. A mere one inch of height is sufficient to stop you cold - your bike will fall over before you can turn the wheel.

In this particular case you have no choice but to stop completely, lean the bike away from the trap, and walk the bike free.

**Never get within 6" of a raised surface  
▶ that runs parallel to the direction you are moving!**

If the surface is only 1" high you can ride over it without much concern so long as you approach it at any meaningful angle. (Greater than 20 degrees.)

Anything higher than about 1" and you must put as great an angle of attack to it as possible. Ideally you want to cross over it with a 90 degree (perpendicular) angle.

**Always approach a trap that you must  
▶ cross over with more than a 20 degree attack angle.**

It is not so much that you should fear that your front tire will fail to get over the trap, it is that you must be concerned about getting your rear tire over it. What happens if your attack angle is low is that you instinctively turn your front wheel into the trap to get over it, so it does, but your rear tire, having a lower attack angle, slides along the trap rather than going over it. This immediately twists your bike into the turn and presents an ever increasing attack angle for that rear tire. At some point (quickly) the attack angle will be sufficient and the rear tire will grab and ride over the obstacle. Unfortunately, while it was sliding along you and your bike turned the front wheel in the direction of the slide. Thus, when that rear tire grabs it is analogous to the classic conditions of a highside. About 2/3s of a second later you will hit the ground.

**Before trying to ride over a trap that is  
▶ relatively close to you, turn away from it and then towards it in order to build the largest attack angle possible.**

About 1/2 second before your front tire hits the obstacle, accelerate. That unloads your front shocks. At the same time shift your weight to your pegs and lift your butt off the seat. When the rear tire hits the trap the rear-end of the bike will get quite a vertical jolt - possibly enough to throw you off the seat and cause you to have to fight for control if you have not already raised that derriere.



## Wanted

Elwood Tipton is looking for a seat for a 1200. If you have something give Elwood a call at 502-426-3649.

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## Blue Grass Blast

Blue Grass Blast is almost here. Remember we have chapter job assignments that we will go over at the chapter meeting on Saturday.

Jo and I will be traveling to Paducah on Thursday August 25 if anyone wishes to ride down with us.

We will be looking forward to seeing you all down there.

## Parting Shots



Dino taming...

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I am not real sure what this is...

## Please Welcome Our New ACD

Bob Church has accepted the position of Assistant Chapter Director.



Please make Bob feel welcome, especially since he will be helping conduct this months meeting, his first since becoming ACD. Mike, Kathy and Joett will be on-hand to help since I will be away on business.

And while you are welcoming him, ask him about the dragster at Cedar Point... 120 MPH, 420 feet into the air. Bob did a great job as our tour guide for the weekend in northern Ohio. We will have a write up on the trip in next month's newsletter.

Ride Safe...