



SPARKLE CITY WINGS GAZETTE



SPARKLE CITY WINGS Gathers on the First **Tuesday** of the Month

Eat at 6:00 PM, Meet at 7:00PM at the GRAPEVINE Restaurant

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EDITORS PAGE



Fall is coming and hopefully some cooler riding temperatures will follow.

We will have some serious things to discuss at our next gathering on the 3rd of September. Please make attempts at being thee.

We have missed the last 2 dinner rides planned as things here are getting busier and busier.



The heat is still upon us, so if you brave the conditions, I cannot stive enough for you to stay replenished. It always amazed me just how much liquid you need to replace the lose of what you sweat out.

Chapter K's Sparkle City Wings

Kevin and Mary Brown

BIRTHDAYS FOR THE MONTH



Kevin Brown 9-2

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Jimmy Bailey 9-20

Kurt Repsher 9-20

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Let's all give a big shout out to everyone celebrating their special day!!
If anyone was missed give a holler to be sure they are put on the list!!

Interestingly Shocking Motorcycle Facts

1. The first-ever Harley Davidson motorcycle only went 40km/h. It had a single-cylinder engine that actually used a tomato can as its carburetor.
2. The world's most expensive motorcycle costs \$360,000! It's the ***Feline One***, created by Feline Motorcycles. Some of the materials used to create it are titanium, carbon, and aerospace aluminum.
3. Motorcycles are extremely fuel-efficient. Although we all know they are more fuel-efficient than cars or trucks, did you know the Verucci Nitro 50 can go 172 km on one gallon of gas?
4. The use of a helmet was authorized following Colonel T.E. Lawrence's death. He was killed in a motorcycle accident after he swerved to avoid two young boys riding on their bicycles.
5. Motorcycles have been around since the 1800s! Edward Butler designed and created the world's first motorcycle in 1884. It wasn't nearly as powerful and exciting as motorcycles are today, but it created the industry we are all so invested in now.
6. The longest distance ever ridden on a motorcycle in 24 hours was 3256.5 km. Matthew McKelvey set this Guinness World Record in 2014 while riding in South Africa.
7. Horses were used as a method of transportation for messengers during World War 1 but were soon overtaken by the use of motorcycles.



The Birth of Motorcycles

The motorcycle, as we know it today, has its roots in the late 19th century. In **1885**, **German inventors Gottlieb Daimler and Wilhelm Maybach** developed the world's first gasoline-powered motorcycle. Known as the "Reitwagen," this revolutionary machine featured a wooden frame, a single-cylinder engine, and a top speed of about 11 miles per hour. The Reitwagen laid the foundation for future motorcycle designs and paved the way for the development of the modern motorcycle industry.

The Fastest Production Motorcycle

Speed is one of the defining characteristics of motorcycles, and some models have pushed the boundaries of velocity. Currently, the title of the fastest production motorcycle belongs to the **Dodge Tomahawk**. This extraordinary machine, introduced in 2003, is powered by a 10-cylinder, **8.3-liter engine** borrowed from the Dodge Viper sports car. With a top speed of approximately 350 miles per hour, the Tomahawk showcases the incredible engineering prowess of motorcycle manufacturers.

Stunt riding is a thrilling and adrenaline-pumping aspect of motorcycling that captivates audiences worldwide. Stunt riders perform jaw-dropping tricks and maneuvers, pushing the limits of what motorcycles can do. From wheelies and stoppies to daring jumps and acrobatic feats, these talented riders demonstrate exceptional skill, balance, and control. Stunt riding has become a popular form of entertainment and has given rise to legendary figures like Evel Knievel and Robbie Maddison.

The World's Largest Motorcycle

Motorcycles come in various shapes and sizes, but one stands out for its sheer enormity. The world's largest motorcycle, named "Reggie," was built by Gregory Dunham in the United States. This colossal creation measures a staggering **16.16 feet in height, and 32.61 feet in length, and weighs over 6,500 pounds**. Reggie is not only a marvel of engineering but also a testament to the boundless imagination and passion of motorcycle enthusiasts.

The First Motorcycle Helmet

Safety is of utmost importance when riding motorcycles, and the invention of the motorcycle helmet has played a crucial role in protecting riders from head injuries. The first motorcycle helmet was introduced in **1953 by Professor C.F. "Red" Lombard**. The helmet, known as the "Lombard Crash Helmet," featured a hard shell made of fiberglass and a padded interior for enhanced comfort. Since then, helmets have undergone significant improvements, incorporating advanced materials and designs to provide maximum protection.

The Impact of Motorcycles in World War II

Motorcycles have played a vital role in warfare, particularly during World War II. Various armies utilized motorcycles for **reconnaissance, communication, and transportation purposes**. The **German military**, in particular, employed motorcycles extensively, with models like the BMW R75 serving as versatile and reliable vehicles on the battlefield. Motorcycles proved instrumental in maneuvering through difficult terrain, delivering messages, and providing essential support to infantry units.

Final Thoughts

In conclusion, motorcycles have a rich and fascinating history that continues to evolve with technological advancements and changing societal preferences. From their humble beginnings to the cutting-edge machines of today, motorcycles have captured the imagination of people worldwide. Whether you appreciate the thrill of high-speed racing, the artistry of custom builds, or the sense of freedom that comes with riding on two wheels, motorcycles offer an unparalleled experience. So, hop on your bike, embrace the open road, and revel in the joy of motorcycle exploration.

How to Make Long-Distance Motorcycle Riding More Comfortable

There are tons of killer motorcycle events which may prompt you to take a long-distance motorcycle ride (or two, or three).

Once there, who knows what other stunts of riding you'll do. For example, Sturgis Motorcycle Rally has up to thirteen different riding routes for sight-seeing attendees. From the 80-mile Vanocker Canyon ride, with its wide turns and spectacular views, to the popular, 110-mile Devils Tower ride, which brings you to the 867-foot national monument.

With that in mind, you'll want to be as comfortable as possible on your bike. Don't let elements like an uncomfortable seat or poor clothing be the things that stand between you and a great time.

Upgrade to a Good Motorcycle Seat

Stock motorcycle seats just won't cut it for a long-distance ride.

When shopping for an update, look for motorcycle seats that meet the following criteria:

- Spreads your weight across the entire surface area, eliminating pressure points
- Reduces shock and vibration
- Has proper ventilation, allowing for heat and moisture to disperse properly
- Promotes blood flow, thereby reducing numbness
- Increases stability

Also, the best seats are designed to fit your body smartly. At Wild Ass, you'll find seats that are tapered and contoured to the body, reducing pressure on the tailbone and scrotum while improving leg passage.

Don't spend another moment contemplating the necessity of these objects.

From an ergonomic seat to an all-weather jacket, from prior planning to a comfortable (and functional) helmet, these items are the bare minimum to an enjoyable, long-distance motorcycle trip. Bonus: they're wonderful for short-distance trips, too!





Can you name the bike in Honda's line up with the largest engine? Sure, the Goldwing. But, how about the smallest engine, at least in most areas of the world.

Honda produces several 50cc models world wide, in North America we are probably more familiar with the "mini-bike" style of the Monkey., introduced over 50 years ago.

This single cylinder with three speed transmission and automatic clutch, like the famous Super Cub, The origins of the Monkey are quite colorful. Back in the 60's a small amusement park in Tokyo, Japan wanted to offer small motorcycle rides for both children and adults. It was a big hit and Honda decided to market them commercially. Can you try to imagine the legal aspects of that in today's world? Matlock would have been all over that like white on rice on a paper plate in a snow storm!

The Monkey part you ask? The first Z50's were small machines, with a full sized adult onboard, the rider sat with folded knees, bent elbows and hunched posture—like a monkey. But, it didn't take long before the adjustments and accessories started to come out of the woodwork. Folding handlebars and a seat adjustable for height, headlights and taillights were soon added.

The Honda Grom and the Monkey are similar and both are quite popular. Some of the original Z50's are still running today, proving that quality built bikes are still obtainable.

Even though small, ride safe and wear a helmet to protect your coconut.

JOKES OF THE MONTH (Groan now or forever hold your peace)

1. What do dentists call their X-rays? Tooth pics!
2. Why did the melon jump into the lake? It wanted to be a watermelon.
3. Why was 6 afraid of 7? Because 7 ate 9!
4. When your teacher asks "Where's your homework?" It took a sick day. It had too many problems.
5. You can't trust atoms. They make up everything!
6. Why won't it hurt if you hit your friend with a 2-liter of soda? Because it's a soft drink!
7. Why did the mushrooms get invited to all the best parties? He was a fun-gi!
8. What has four wheels and flies? Garbage truck.
9. I got fired from my job at the bank today. An old lady came in and asked me to check her balance, so I pushed her over.

What do you call an elephant that doesn't matter? An irrelephant.

Dad, can you put my shoes on? No, I don't think they'll fit me.

Why do you smear peanut butter on the road? To go with the traffic jam.

Where did Napoleon keep his armies? In his sleeve.

Did you hear about the actor who fell through the floorboards? He was just going through a stage.

What kind of music do the mummies listen to? Wrap music.

The broom was late today because it over swept last night!

What happens if a seagull flies over the bay? It will become a bagel (Bay-gull)!

What caused the bicycle to collapse? Because it was two tired.

What does a sea monster snack on? Fish and ships.

What music do planets like to listen to? Neptunes.

What lights up a stadium? A match.

Why do cemeteries have gates? Because people are dying to get in.

DATES TO REMEMBER

2024 EWMA Rendezvous - Green Bay, WI

August 28-Sept 2, 2024

North Carolina Rally—Jefferson, NC

Sept 22-23, 2024

MS District Rally—Biloxi,, MS

Oct 24-26, 2024

Chapter K next gathering

SEPTEMBER 3rd

09/2024 TRAFFIC STOPS & TICKET AVOIDANCE PART 1

HOW TO AVOID GETTING PULLED OVER:

In next month's Part 2 of this article, I'll offer tips for dealing with an encounter with a police officer; however, the best scenario is obviously to avoid getting pulled over in the first place. To begin, let's get a few things cleared up right away:

- I'm not advocating speeding here—the purpose of this article is ultimately to promote rider safety. Traveling at excessive speeds on public roads is incredibly irresponsible and could easily become deadly.
- Technically, riding at even 1 mph over the posted speed limit is speeding, and you can be ticketed for it—but there's an expected, and even “unofficially acceptable” speed that's somewhere between 5 and 15 mph over the posted limit.
- Speed is not always the cause of an accident, but often the more significant hazard is created by vehicles moving at different speeds as they travel together on the same road.

All that being said, here are some ways to help you stay safer and ticket free:

CONSIDER USING A “SCOUT”. Keep some vehicles ahead of you, and if they start slowing down—maybe you should too. Look for brake lights as far ahead as possible—there could either be a hazard or a speed trap down the road; and if you spot a big rig slowing down for no apparent reason, the driver may have heard something over his CB radio indicating he should do that.

When Moses sent them off to scout out Canaan, he said, “Go up through the Negev and then into the hill country. Look the land over, see what it is like. (Numbers 13:17)

BE A TRAFFIC “INSIDER”. If traffic is moving faster than the speed limit (and when isn't it?!), try to stay within a similarly paced group—most likely, the first or the last vehicle in the group will be the ones that are pulled over.

IS IGNORING THE SPEED LIMIT ILLEGAL? Yup, but with no other traffic around, try to stay closer to the posted limit—too much over, and the local police will almost certainly want to get better acquainted with you. Conversely, if you're the conservative rider who's always traveling exactly at, or below, the posted limit, law enforcement can interpret that behavior as a red flag, or even a hazard, knowledge...”

WHERE THERE'S SMOKE, THERE MIGHT BE FIRE. Sometimes there are multiple speed traps on the same road, so if someone tries to run, they'll be stopped by another patrol car right down the road. So, if you pass a police officer who already has a customer, stay alert—there might be another one somewhere up ahead.

KEEP YOUR BIKE LEGAL. Improperly mounted license plates, excessively loud exhausts, inadequate or illegal lights, etc., etc... will give the police excuses to pull you over. More unwanted attention....

GET OUT OF TOWN. If you're itching for a spirited ride, head up to the mountains and find some good switchbacks and twisties! Hopefully there won't be as much traffic, and the speed limits won't change as often, which makes it easier to keep track of and comply with them.

WAY TO GO RICKY RACER, somehow you got yourself squeezed by the man anyway. So, now that you've got the pretty blue lights in your mirrors, and you're the main attraction for all the rubber-neckers passing by, you're reduced to trying to cut your losses. So, what do you do now?!

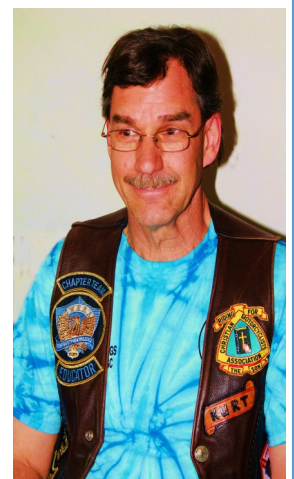
Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." ([John 14:6](#))

STAY TUNED, AND DON'T CHANGE THAT CHANNEL! Next month, we'll discuss HOW TO (HOPEFULLY) AVOID THE TICKET, or at least reduce the likelihood of getting one, if you get pulled over anyway...

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God bless you with His Most Amazing Grace,

Kurt Repsher



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Chapter SC-A “Electric City Wings” Karen Higgins Chapter Director

Meets 1st Thursday each month 6:00PM @Carsons Steakhouse

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Chapter SC-C “Tri-County Wings” Kevin Thornton Chapter Director

“Lunch with Larry” on 1st Saturday each month @ 11:00 AM (ktscouter@comcast.net)

Locations change monthly, please check SC EWMA website before attending

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Chapter SC-F “F-Troop” Eugene & Rene Dent Chapter Directors

Meet on the 2nd Saturday each month @ 6:00PM at Silver Bay Seafood

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Chapter-SC-H “Catawba Wings” William (Bill) & Joy Hurin Chapter Directors

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Chapter SC-J “Grand Strand Riders” Melissa Timbs Chapter Director

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Chapter SC-P “**Lexington Area Wings**” John & Cindy Wood Chapter Directors
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Chapter SC-S “**Newberry Riders**” Mike & Carla Ammons Chapter Directors
Meet @ 10:00AM the 3rd Saturday each month at Sonic Drive-In
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SC-Chapter “M” Greenwood chapter is back!

Big Daddy’s BBQ 115 Hampton Ave (Hwy 25 in Hampton Plaza)
Greenwood, SC Meet @ 5:00PM

LOOK FOR POSSIBLE CHANGES IN PLACES AND/OR TIMES FOR ANY CHAPTER



*Four wheels may get you there,
but two wheels will make
the journey memorable.*



BYE - BYE!