

QCA

The clocks have been changed and spring has sprung, well according to the calendar anyway. Motorcycles are back out and about and that means time is moving along and the riding season has arrived. I saw some bikes out in Cedar Rapids when I went to the 28th Parts Girl Swapmeet the 2nd of March, which by the way was a pretty good show. I stepped out side just after the doors opened and there was a line stretching out quite a ways. Kim asked me to handle the door prizes, so I was able to meet and find out where a good number (since the vendors were very generous with items for the door prizes, one vendor even gave cold hard cash) of the guests came from. There was more then one person who had traveled 2 hours or more to be there. Quite a lot of parts left the building; one purchase I remember was the fellow who was "walking" a front end out. It was good to see people I knew, like the guys from Motorcycle Specialties and Charley's Ride Free from the QCA, Lloyd from Iron Hearse Destinations. Out in force was the Circle of Pride MC promoting the areas 1st rally of the year "the Hog Wild Rodeo" in Conesville Iowa being held May 15 - 17. On display was one of those pop-up campers that you can pull with your bike. The unit was very roomy, being able to stand up (I'm 6'3") surprised me. The unit was well built and being made in the USA was another big plus Well this years Supercycle Show is in the books. The people I chatted with seemed pleased with the show overall. On my way in just before 10 am I saw lots of parts being taken home. Of the things being said about the show, it was that the amount of used parts and number of used parts vendors seemed to be down, that was mentioned most. Well you need to remember that years ago the older bikes were not in favor and the parts were seen more as just parts. But today those parts are now in higher demand then ever before. So what might be happening is more of those parts are now back where they were made to be, on the road & in the wind, then add in of course that some are holding on to them to either CASH in later or for their own future use. The one thing that was not in short supply was law enforcement; they certainly made sure they had thing well covered. Which seemed a bit much, since being in a group of motorcyclists you are safer then you would be just about any where else. It was good seeing old friends like JP of Cook Customs, Colleen Swartz of Digital Magic BigShots. I met them both the year before last at the Iron Horse Bike & Music Festival. Teffy from Condor Products, I met him when I was running the Drag-N-Challenge some 5 years back, during Bike week in Myrtle Beach at the Iron Gate Saloon. I spent some time chatting with Jerry Burrow, he a down to earth kind of guy and class act not to mention a bad ass bike builder.

Here it is April and the local Bike Nites are getting ready to start in the next couple of weeks. I am looking forward to seeing everyone at them. As I have been doing for the past 2 years I will be at them with an arm full of the latest copy. I hope to be able to make a big announcement in the next issue the centers around "Racing Entertainment".

During my OUT N ABOUT last month I "found" new places. Just south of J&P Cycle on HWY 151 is Scooters Bar & Grill. I was impressed by the feel & look of the place. You know how some places

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