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## Here I am Lord; send me!

### Isaiah 6:8

I have been thinking and praying lately about the word "calling". What brought this subject to mind was a situation in which a dear friend was feeling called in a different direction, and that calling came from God on numerous occasions - too numerous to avoid. It was interesting to observe, but I'm sure that it was pure misery for him to go through. This "calling" was not a calling that other Christians might see as a "good and right" calling to accept. But this is the hard thing about receiving a call from the Lord; I can find no place in the Bible where Jesus says, "Take a poll of your fellow Christians and if they all agree that this is a call from Me, then go and do it."

I have seen people accept a "calling" after having a "good feeling" or mentally working out [without consulting the Lord] that this "calling" is the right thing to do. In my life and others that I know, this method sometimes turns out to be a disaster ... the "calling" turns out to be a mentally and physically draining project that you come to disdain. You soon discover that this "calling" was probably not from the Lord.

If you look at the "callings from the Lord" in the Bible there were very few, if any, that came from someone having a "good feeling" about doing some project for the Lord. Think about Noah [building the ark], Moses [leading the Israelites], Jeremiah [being a prophet], Jonah [preaching to the Ninevites], Peter [ministering to the Gentiles], and countless others who were called directly by the Lord ... remember what misery they went through accepting the call from the Lord.

I think most "calls" from the Lord should be very hard to work through to a conclusion. The best advice I can find in the Bible concerning a calling is from 2 Peter 1:2-11. [Please stop now and read this Scripture.] Peter tells us that we have been given everything that we need for life and godliness; he tells us some other things that we need to pray about, study about, and work on in order that we may be effective and productive in our service to the Lord. Peter further implores us to make our calling and election sure so that we will not fall.

If you sense a "calling" from the Lord please read and study 2 Peter 1:2-11 and pray about it. Remember that the Lord said that it is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick [Mark 2:15-17]. Your "calling" may not be popular with the brothers and sisters, but remember that your "calling" is not from the brothers and sisters but from the Lord [and hopefully for their sakes, the brothers and sisters will realize that it is not their place to judge your "calling from the Lord"] [Romans 14:7-13].

When you are "called", I pray that you do not immediately act upon a "feeling". I pray that you will study the Bible and make sure that your "calling" squares with God's Word. I pray that you will discuss the "calling" with a few fellow Christians who are strong in the faith and will join you in praying about the "calling" and who, hopefully, will not react with "feelings". But in the end, realize that your "calling" is from the Lord and you need to answer to Him only. The Lord be with you.

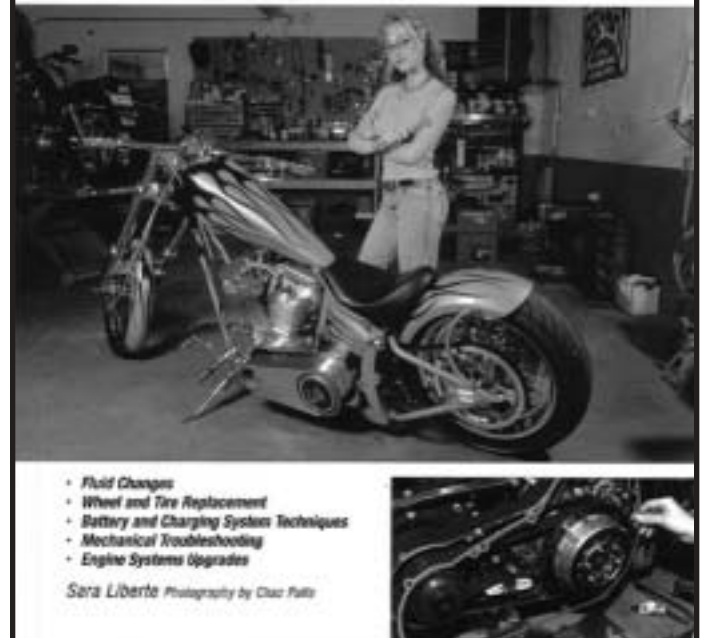
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## How To Repair and Maintain **American V-Twin Motorcycles**



### Book Review:

"How to Repair and Maintain American V-Twin Motorcycles" by Sara Liberte (Photography by Chaz Palla)  
By Colleen Swartz

Finally a basic motorcycle repair and maintenance manual for the masses! Sara Liberte, female motorcycle artist and motorcycle shop owner from Massachusetts has given us a clear, concise, photographic and common sense approach to owning a motorcycle. Although Liberte is every bit a woman, this is no "girly" motorcycle handbook. Liberte has cut her teeth in the hot rod and motorcycle world and is now co-owner of RT's North Hills Cycle which has given her cause to see the way people maintain their bikes. Sara stresses that part of being the owner of a motorcycle is having a good understanding of the machine and having a somewhat intimate knowledge of the repair and maintenance schedule of your bike.

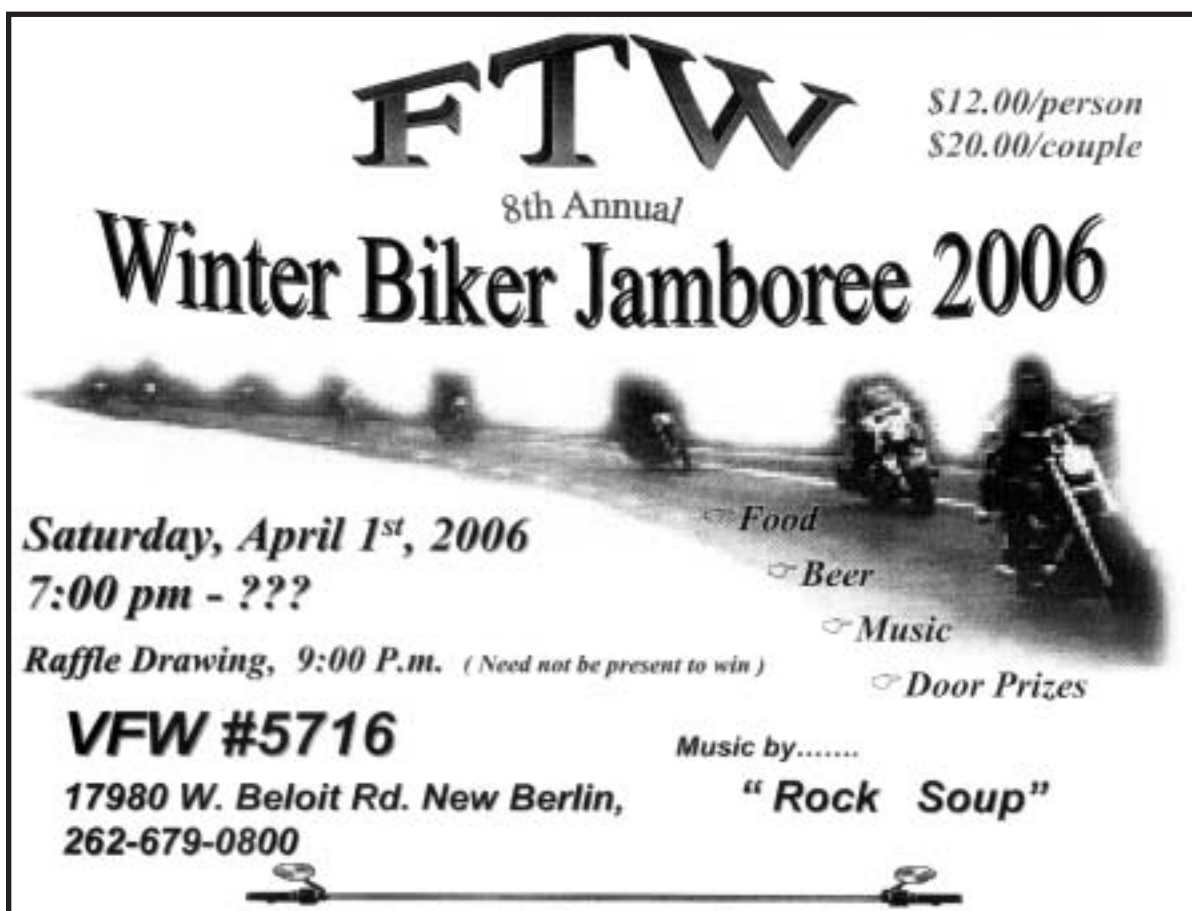
"How to Repair and Maintain American V-Twin Motorcycles" is a 156 page book that takes a reader from the basics of proper riding gear, identification of a soft and hard tail, knowing about VIN numbers and service manuals on the basic end, all the way through what tools every motorcyclist should own, how to check, replace and top off all fluids including oil, primary fluid, transmission fluid, brake fluid, fork oil and lubing and adjusting cables. Sara also hits on service intervals for spark plugs, wires, air filters, brake pads, rotor upgrade, caliper upgrade, changing tires, wheel upgrade, wire wheel care, final chain and belt adjustment, and cleaning your bike.

Also covering such basic yet important systems as the battery and charging systems and simple roadside repairs and travel toolkits, this book will make any motorcyclist savvy and more competent motorcycle owner.

Filled with full color photos, step by step instructions, valuable information and tips and tricks from someone who knows where the pitfalls lie, "How to Repair and Maintain American V-Twin Motorcycles" is a wonderful addition to any novice or accomplished rider. It offers honest and valuable information without talking down to the reader.

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