



FROM THE EDITOR: Riding is fun Driving is mostly a chore, a function or a requirement. If they wanted fun, all drivers would have small sports cars with manual transmissions. SUVs, mini-vans, station wagons, sedans, pick-up trucks... they are all dull, boring. Anything with an automatic transmission is designed for somnambulance, not excitement. It's a grocery-hauling machine, not an adventure. Riding is simply a lot of fun. It is a joy to shift gears onto an open road, lean into twisty corners. It is a sensory delight to ride to the top of a hill and then scoot down it again. It is pleasurable to flick gears, tap the throttle, twitch a knee and have the bike obey like a trained quarter horse. It's variously exciting, relaxing, enlightening and ennobling to ride. Riding is also about looks and style, about fashion and individuality. Riders dress the part, dress their bikes, polish, clean and accessorize according to personal whims, tastes and perceived social standing. In a car no one cares what you wear. No one sees you. Accessories on cars are like ornaments on a Christmas tree - pretty but usually for decoration only. A family sedan with a spoiler on the trunk is still a dumpy, unromantic and unexciting, automatic transmission sedan no matter what you bolt to it. A spoiler won't change that. You might as well wear plaid stretch pants and a backwards baseball cap while you drive because no one will think any less of you. Or any better. (Inserted by Bodean)



IRON SOUL Ronnie Oatis, known to you and the **Iron Souls** as FD, and for the last three years his fellow fire fighters have called him Battalion Chief. Five years prior to that, they called him Captain. As of this August he will have been called fireman for 20 years, all of this name calling may have been started at the early age of five, when his now retired firefighter father first took his son to work. At twelve years old Ronnie Oatis joined the fire explorers. We picture FD as a young man patrolling the backyard BBQs on the weekends for safety. As a strike team leader he is called upon to take his crews up and down the state of California six or seven times a year. Asking FD what name he's called that he is the most proud of, without thought he answers "Dad." Meeting his two beautiful daughters, Ronni, age ten, and her younger sister, Tommi, nine years old, at the recent Toys for Tots parade, we could see the love shared for one another in their beautiful smiles. The commitment to family community and the **ISMC** can only make his sponsors of five years ago, D and Nas-D, proud of their choice. We are proud to call FD our brother.

(Article by prospect McGyver, Edited by Bodean)

IRON SOULS mother of the pack Mrs. Gumbs photo set right and her son G-Roc left of the Iron Souls opened their doors to us in Hayward, where we gathered to have breakfast and set goals for a very busy 2008 Iron Soul fiscal year. "Mrs. Gumbs" the **ISMC** truly thank you for your support, trust, and respect you displayed by your actions in helping the MC to move forward and help our community of Oakland California. (Article by Bodean)





IRON SOUL 3-HAWKS SHARES NATIVE CULTURE.

I respect the rights to hunt, and I don't want to impose my beliefs on anyone, my intent is to give others a prospective about Native American culture. We believe that from the Great Spirit there came a unifying life force that flows in and through all things--the flowers of the plains, blowing winds, rocks, trees, birds and animals--and it is the same force that had been breathed into the first man. Thus all things are kindred and are brought together by the same Great Spirit. Kinship with all creatures of the earth, sky, and water is a real and active principle in the Native American culture. We believe that in the animal and bird world there exist a brotherly feeling that keeps us safe among them. We also believe that these animals have rights--the right of man's protection, the right to live, the right to multiply, the right to freedom, and the right to man's indebtedness -- and in recognition of these rights the Native Americans never enslaved an animal, and spared all life that was not needed for food and clothing. This concept of life and its relations is humanizing and gives the Native an abiding love. It fills our being with the joy and mystery of living; it gives us reverence for all life; it makes a place for all things in the scheme of existence with equal importance to all. The Native American can despise no creature, for all are of one blood, made by the same hand, and filled with the essence of the Great Spirit. In spirit, the Natives are humble and meek. As the Bible says "Blessed are the meek for they shall inherit the earth"--this is true for the Native and from the earth they inherited secrets that long since have been forgotten. My Grandfather and some of the elders of our tribe have told me that when we come across certain animals in our lives it can be an indication that they are put in our path to give us messages from the Great Spirit about what it is that we need to focus on in our personal healing at that moment in time.



The BUFFALO - teaches us about prayer and abundance. Buffalo teaches us that true prosperity comes when we are grateful for what we have and when we live in harmony and love with all other beings. We can truly manifest whatever we want in our life and buffalo reminds us of this fact. When buffalo appears in our lives, the universe is presenting us with opportunity for abundance, pay attention.

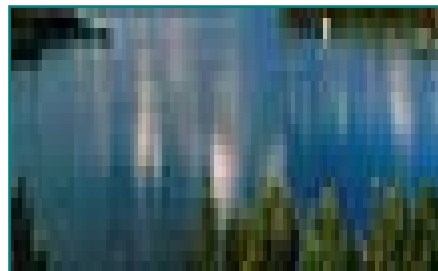


The EAGLE - reminds us of courage and spirit. Eagle flies fearlessly, bridging heaven and earth, and teaches us to courageously face our fear of the unknown in order to fly as high as our heart's joy can take us. Finding out the true emotional aspects within self, using them to rediscover the child within, and awaken a higher sense of passion, creativity, spirituality, strength and healing.



The HAWK - is the messenger. IT is also about visionary power and guardianship, the hawk is very protective of the young in its nest. It teaches us about providing for family and self. Hawk teaches us to be observant and to pay attention to what we may overlook. This could mean a talent we don't use, a blessing for which we haven't expressed gratitude, or a message from Spirit.

The hawk has keen eyesight; it is about opening our eyes and seeing that which is there to guide us, BRU 3Hawks. (Article by 3 Hawks)





IRON SOUL; ICE AND FAMILY TAKE ON COMMUNITY

In September Ice and family joined some good friend's at their summer place at Lake Berryessa where we all enjoyed boating and tubing on the lake. Next year it's wakeboarding for sure.

Lark turned 16 in October and celebrated her "Sweet Sixteen" with her friend's at Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk followed by a superb dinner at Maggiano's at Santana Row in San Jose.

Ice and family participated in the 31st Annual Holiday Run and Walk for Health on December 8, 2007, which benefited Antioch local schools, youth, and libraries. Ice finished 8th in his age group, Lark 3rd and Susana 15th. Lark also got her first full time job working at the local Regal Cinema. Our next scheduled run is February 9, 2008 the Run between the Cities held in Vacaville. This event benefits the Vacaville PAL and Fairfield Community Service Foundation that services youths, families and senior citizen. Also on February 9th Lark and friends will be going to Dodge Ridge Resort for snowboarding and her first trip to the snow.

IRON SOUL'S MC. PROSPECTS WORK AND EARN THEIR PATCHES.



Now club members, photo set left to right McGyver, V and T-Bone show off their colors as the newest edition to the iron souls motor cycle club. The three brings to the **Iron Souls** their dedication professionalism and work ethics. During their four to six month prospect period we have witnessed their enthusiasm and strong desire to wear the **Iron Soul** patch proudly, they have earned them rightfully so, by involving themselves in the **Iron Soul** brotherhood, and community calendar. Through out their prospect term their input, participation and labor in different community activities and **Iron Soul** functions were truly appreciated to help make our events happen, not to mention the various rides during the fall and winter seasons. Our brothers rode in the pouring down rain on some occasions, their substantial amount of accumulated miles totaled a near thousand miles in four months, slightly above protocol for a prospect. Their constant concern to the brother hood was of good compassion and their bond was proven during the hang around time and prospect period, they never missed a meeting and showed their loyalty to the brotherhood when called upon by any one of the members. Their kindness to the **Iron Souls**, significant ones, and the community did not go unnoticed. McGyver proved his skills through out his term and demonstrated where he will fit right in and contribute to the **Iron Souls**, just maybe he will be our next editor, great job McGyver. V also demonstrates his ability to communicate and be good at socializing to the club and community, he seemed to be the bonding element and go to guy during the prospect period for the prospects, great job V. T-Bone stepped up during his prospect period and bonded well with the **Iron Souls**, he to displays professionalism and is a very compassionate brother specially when it comes to the need of his community. T-bone was Santa Clause during our Christmas giveaway to the lend-a-hand foundation, another job well done. Our new club members truly understand what it means to be an **Iron Soul**. (Article by Bodean)

