

# SOUL SMOKE NEWS LETTER

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## Quote of the Month:

**“You can’t complain about it if you don’t participate in it”**

~Richie Rich~

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## ROADRUNNER

Our brother called Roadrunner could easily be called sir, as he has earned it. You could also call him Cyclops, since more times than not when you see him you’ll see the large lens of his Cannon 70-200 mm camera documenting club events.

As an original 21 member, he has seen and done more than most, further back than ISMC itself. Roadrunner, along with Voodoo and Phantom, strapped a turkey to the back of a Harley to go visit Mother Wright. They sat with her, talking about God, love and giving. These three amigos, in a single act of charity, started down a road that has affected countless people.

Supporting his brothers with encouragement throughout the years has given Roadrunner the strength to, as he says, **“Go with the flow.”** This is confirmed by his pride in and confidence of how far ISMC has come, and with a secure view of where we are going into the future, guided by our creed.

Roadrunner has been there during five ISMC presidents and as-



sorted E-board changes. Retiring in December 1993 from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, he tried a part-time job with a communication company, but when denied his request for unpaid leave, he decided to ride. After his return from the roundup, he also decided not to put himself in the position of asking permission to ride again.

Trudye, his understanding wife of 13 years, has given their children, grandchildren and great grandchildren plenty to talk about for years of reunions to come. Theirs was the first ISMC wedding during a Street Vibrations in Reno. The ceremony was performed at the Truckee River Lodge, surrounded by Harley’s, brothers, and love. *(continued)*



**Wedding Day Sat. Sep. 23 1995**



**Voodoo 1992**



**Iron Butt & Phantom, 1995**



**I.S.M.C. Wedding Party, 1995**

## ROADRUNNER (CONT. FROM PG 1)

This article may start to sound like an obituary. That would be wrong. As the unofficial historian of ISMC, Roadrunner has kept himself current in the ever changing digital world of technology, and shows no signs of slowing down. He was generous with his time during a phone interview with me, even though he was packing for a vacation to Hawaii. Roadrunner and Trudye were taking along their 11 year old granddaughter, Cheyenne. Though, knowing their generous hearts, it would likely end up

that their granddaughter was in charge of the trip. Some may notice Roadrunner's absence in the pack when we ride. This is by choice. He prefers riding solo. Although you would be hard pressed to notice, he seems to be everywhere. This is not just my opinion...he has the photos to prove it. He has, through the years, turned into the ISMC historian. No one asked him to do it. He cares about our past and says it shapes our future. He has tirelessly worked to keep track of photos and memorabilia, culminating in an outstanding DVD tracking days gone by and converting analog tape to a digital format. A monumental task of man hours.

An open door policy by Trudye, in their very comfortable home, for all members is constant for anything from a prospect run or mai tai drive bys on the way to other festivities. Likewise, the time Roadrunner takes to share his knowledge of ISMC is generous, either for giving a prospect help understanding the past or tracking down information for the soul smoke editor.

The latest and ongoing project is to come up with a family tree of all members, their date patched in and their sponsors. A slow and painstaking project. He has never complained or asked for recognition, only that membership share photos of events. It is not for himself but for the ever growing historical archives he has amassed. He has given great photos for Soul Smoke, and always with a unique perspective. I have no doubt in speaking for all my brothers that this club would not be what it is today without Roadrunners presence. We are all proud that he calls us brothers.

~Article written by MacGyver~

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*(Photos on this page courtesy of Roadrunner)*

## NO BRAINER

Good ideas don't die. ISMC is no doubt one of the best and safest riding clubs in the nation. This is not by accident, but by design. This is a matter of pride for the hard working Road Captains of ISMC. They must be proud of Snowman's time spent researching motorcycle training schools.

At the recent club meeting he presented information about his findings. The Northern California Motorcycle Training Inc. has offered us a group rate and a 10% discount. All that is needed is your bike safety gear, license and proof of insurance. Since this is already a requirement just to ride with the club, it is easily doable for any of us.

Snowman has taken the lead on this...times, places and exact cost, along with a sign up sheet. The benefits for participating in this advanced training course are many, a discount on your insurance (check with your carrier for amount), overcoming the many bad habits we all have acquired through the years, plus being brought back up to speed with the ever changing laws and attitudes of our law enforcement groups.

As **Richie Rich** states in another quote of the month, **"You can't complain about if you don't participate in it."** All road captains encourage everyone to take this course. Richie Rich went on to say, at his completion of this course, that he was surprised at the many things he learned on a variety of topics. More information can be found at

[www.motorcycleskills.com](http://www.motorcycleskills.com)

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## GOOD NEWS, BAD NEWS

The Red Caboose has finally worked out the kinks of having us all there. Kickstand, known to others as Terri, is working hard to keep ahead of the pack. Not an easy thing to do with the ever growing group that we are.

The last E-board meeting held there was a good one. X-Man again has proven more than up to the task of the Mother Wright Run. His hard work and organizational skills set him apart from all others. This is a mind boggling project, forgetting all of the who's on first and what's on second things to keep straight. The raffle tickets alone would drive a man to drink. I have almost stopped making fun of his pretty and pink bag he was carrying full of raffle tickets. I found myself scratching my head with the tickets I dealt with. I am in awe of how hard it must be for X-Man. (continued)

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Snowman Explains



Kickstand at work



K.C. Still doing Double Duty



Pink man purse. Trend setter?

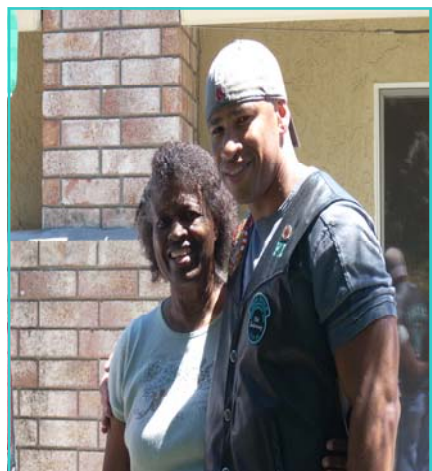
## GOOD NEWS, BAD NEWS (CONT. FROM PG 3)



Bad News From X-Man



Rifleman and Beaver Doctor



A rare day off for F.D. Showing the love to Anne

Here's the bad news, X-Man has stepped down as a Road Captain. As proven many times over, he's one of our most dynamic Road Captains. This is a great loss to us all. This was a very hard decision for him. We all could learn from his standard of commitment. He states, I need to do whatever I do well, rather than try and do too much." He will concentrate on the Mother Wright Run.

Other topics of discussion were our web page, and the lack of having an updated one, along with what is and is not proper subject for the club to be put in an email between members. All present agreed that *adult entertainment, religious topics and political views* should only be sent to those members who have the same philosophies and/or tastes in such material. **The CC all email button should only be used for club business.**

Heavy K, along with many others are of the understanding that any and all opinions sent out using the CC all email button deserves respect. This club after all is founded on the differences and diversity of our members. That being said, you must agree to disagree with the many and varied responses that you will receive by sending out an opinion to all. All have the right to respond to an idea or opinion. As we all become more accustomed to email. It's starting to hit us how powerful the written word is. You can put all the thought possible into the simplest reply, with no guarantee of how it may be read by others. Bo-Dean's approach is simple. He states, "If it is not uplifting or doesn't keep with the creed, why send it?"

Richie Rich suggested a ride to Beaver Doctor's home to pay respects after the meeting. What a great idea that was. He missed a perfect California weather ride and a pack of 12 headed by K.C. On arriving at their destination, We were met out front of a very nice home in Tracy by Beaver Doctor. Looking very dapper and happy when we arrived, Beaver Doctor took us all out back where TKO found the lawn of his dreams. Miss Doctor, Anne to most, greeted us all with hugs, kisses and a very nice spread of assorted foods and drink. Altogether, it was a great way to end the club meeting...under a shade tree with your brothers enjoying the day. Riding with T.O.P was a rare treat. Even Taz was smiling, giving our now former prospect Deuce a hard time.

~Article written by MacGyver~

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Breakaway Deuce Red



Iron Butt Observes



K.C. Laughing it up with V



Mack serving it up to Heavy-K

## NO SMALL FEAT!

In more ways than one, another one bites the dust. The last prospect ceremony found itself one prospect less than when the prospect process started. This confirms KC's opinion that the prospect process works.

Showing patience and support this time, as in the past, a prospect chose to stick it out and help his fellow prospect with his duties and commitment, fully knowing that doing so would extend the process for himself. An outsider would view this as a waste of time, speaking as one that has been involved in this exact situation before, along with V and T-Bone. I can now see that what seemed to be a no brainer merely reinforced what this club is all about...brotherhood, respect and unity.

That is why **I am proud to announce the newest patch member to ISMC, Deuce...AKA Staples**, to all that were present at the latest ceremony. You can ask a fellow member that was present to explain, and there were 24 to choose from. It was a solid showing for the hard work that Deuce put in. As for how the new handle was "stuck on" to the formerly known prospect Deuce, the reason is not for publication. However, word of mouth from those present would do the situation more justice than I could relate here in the written word. I would ask Heavy K first, since he was last seen setting at Mac's bar (the generous host for the last ceremony). Heavy K with his always handy knife, was seen cutting off Deuce's name patch from his vest, never to be seen again apparently.

The ceremony itself is long steeped in tradition and secrecy. No member would confirm or deny what happens during said ceremony. As they say in the movies, **no animals were harmed in the making of this production.**

Mac really had quite the spread set up for food and drink, right down to a carve it yourself roasted ham and very well stocked bar, which he manned himself to make sure all requests were met. For those not present, please take a moment to communicate your feelings to Staples on how proud we all are to have a brother from another mother join in with us all in the love of Harleys and our community. **Well done Staples.**

~Article written by MacGyver~



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All in the Family



All about Family



D is all smiles with niece Alitta



Jump Start—Heavy-K—Bassman

### LEND A HAND

This event should be called “Lend Both Hands.” What a solid turnout by not only ISMC members, but their families as well. Nas-D, the organizer for this event, was proud of the turnout. He has been involved with Lend-a-Hand for over three years. He says, “I am always apprehensive the night before. You never know how many members will show up. You send out a call via email, the date is on the run schedule, but until the morning of the event you just hope for the best.”

I arrived early for breakfast at Carrows, to find T-Bone and his 13 year old daughter, Jennifer, already there. Jennifer told me she had participated in a similar thing before and volunteered to help her dad out. Plus, she said she could use a break from torturing her younger brother. T-Bone was not alone in recruiting from the family. D was there with his niece Alitta, Deuce with Nicole, and X-Man with his family.

Nas-D greeted everyone who arrived, some more than others by the look of it, as he was wearing a variety of lipstick shades. I am just saying.... He rounded up everyone to inform them what to expect. The Lend-a-Hand group was all looking forward to what is called “**The**

**Iron Souls Parade.**” We did not disappoint on our arrival.

There were so many of us that we were split into two groups, with the result of everyone's hard work placed in the back of a truck by the mighty Won Ton. Have you seen the guns on this guy lately?

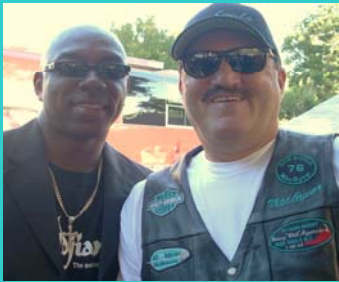
Damn Won Ton, do you ever skip a workout? I think not. I digress though. Everyone was working out today, only taking time out for a donut and coffee. Even Heavy K showed off his misspent youth, flipping information cards into the backpacks faster than Jump-start could open them. Obviously not the first time he has had a deck of cards in his hands.

Fun, food, raffles and music...altogether a great day with friends and family, plus the bonus of helping our community. Who knew this would be so much fun.

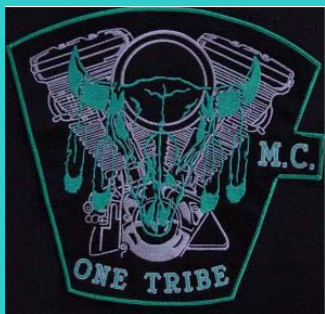
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## Brotherhood, Respect Unity

### ROCKIN THE VALLEY

I found myself in the same place, at the same time, as two of the hardest working and most elusive members in our club. Plus, I have the photos to prove it, and to remind everyone what Ali looks like. He was last seen in person back at the Fallen Brothers Run. This is not to say though, that they are not informed of the day to day activities of ISMC. TOP is surprisingly well informed, but none of that meant anything as Tower of Power's horns section pumped up the volume. TOP's vocal range took me by surprise, and when he channeled James Brown moving across the stage, the women went crazy. This event was a real treat for me on many levels. To jump on my Harley and scoot down to the Napa Valley Expo wearing my colors. Hooking up with two of our finest, or running into old friends as I was getting my gloves on to leave and telling them how proud I am to ride with such a fine group of riders.

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### A WORD FROM YOUR EDITOR

Oops I Did it again...

My best intentions were laid to waste yet again. I am such an ISMC pimp. I always seem to end my conversations talking about the Iron Souls MC. My grandmother would point out that

pride comes before a fall. So true, this time.

I was downloading photos from the recent Lend-a-Hand event when my sweetheart came into the room. I showed her some of the photos and talked about how much fun it was, and she scooted over to the Lend-a-Hand location from Carrows. The family and friends that were there looked so happy helping their community. So the question came up quickly...why didn't I mention how cool this event is, aren't you the Soul Smoke editor? But brothers, I tell you true, I will make sure next year my whole family is aware of what a great event this is. I suggest you do the same, so you don't get a sad eyed puffy lip look from a family member.

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