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The great news is that we are not done! This month we are helping raise funds for people in Alabama with a Corn Boil on June 4th hosted by the Belleview Masonic Lodge and Fat Daddy's. Also, on June 10th Bill Church and QS&L is donating 15% of all food sales to Shirl. The tall, pretty blond attends all the benefits to help others. Now is the time for us to help her. She and her Sporty were run off the road and really needs our help. Just like people, disasters come in all shapes and sizes.

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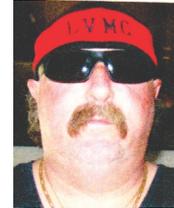
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Once again J.O. Batten proved that if you host a Biker Rodeo, they will come! Over 2800 people paid to attend the 3 day event to raise funds for DD-214 Veterans Medical Fund. Several others came and went and the security team was great again...(Thanks Rick, Mike & Scotty)There was One dollar beer and every kind of vendor you can imagine. Over \$1800.00 was collected and donated by the beautiful Jaybird who sponsored a full liquor bar (and helped raffle off a trike).

The highlight of this years rodeo was the marriage on stage of J.O. and the beautiful Suzy. They met last year during Bike Week 2010 in Daytona and it was love at first sight.



Shaky Puddin and Kathy Jo rocked the stage for FREE and Jimmy Sparks closed out the show Saturday night.





The Mistress Emcee/DJ was the lovely Joy (Of Cyn and Joy) who always keeps the event jumping. Don V and Chickenman of Scootergoods and Lisa of Wanted Biker Magazine joined me on stage to celebrate the couple. We 3 media sponsors were proud to once again be involved with each other for the benefit of helping Veterans. It is reported that approximately 100 Thousand dollars have been raised in the last 7 years of the event.

The whole Rider Now Crew, including Pops and Karen from St Pete, camped with us and we are proud to announce that the nudity was at a minimum this year! (Some people should keep their clothes on!)



Thanks to Fran Haasch for allowing us to donate \$500.00 to the event. See you next year!



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USMV-MC "Ole Man" Weds "Sunshine" in the Rain!

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Rider Now Magazine would like to congratulate USMV-MC's "Old Man" who married his "Sunshine" despite the rain! It was a beautiful ceremony and RNM Crew member Scotty Flynn covered the event.



On Saturday May 14th Mother Nature could not deter the couple from making it official with all of the USMV-MC members in full dress attire. There were pretty Bridesmaids, and USMV-MC President "McCaw" walked the bride down the isle to her beloved.



It's great to know that real love is still alive and thriving. We wish you both many years of happiness.



MOTORCYCLES AS ART

Contributing Photographer Jim Dohms

This Year's Leesburg Rat's Hole Custom Bike Show drew bike builders from around Florida and beyond. The Leesburg Bikefest is compact compared to Daytona so there were lots of people in a small area which makes it more challenging to photograph bikes. I believe everyone who comes out for bike shows should enjoy themselves and not worry about getting in someone's shot. I decided to get in tight for this month's Motorcycles as Art feature and capture the chrome, paint, shapes and textures found on many of the bikes there.

To see more Motorcycle images including many from the Leesburg Bikefest stop by my website at: www.DohmsCreativePhotography.com.

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Jim is at Quaker Steak and Lube most Wednesday evenings. Stop by and say hello and see the variety of prints he has on display. If you can't make it there, visit his website at www.DohmsCreativePhotography.com and browse through over 200 motorcycles images taken around Florida. To schedule your motorcycle portrait session call him at 941-580-9012 or email him at Jim@jimDohms.com

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On the 23rd of April, a Rock and Roll benefit and Poker Run were held for Scott Stickney at The Tavern at Bells Ferry in Acworth, GA. A brotherhood of musicians and fans came together to raise money for Scott's medical care. Scott is in stage three rectal cancer. The benefit was a huge success raising over \$5000.00.



There were many people with great talent that donated their time for this wonderful cause. Some of the bands that played were Sucker Punch, The 404 Band, Willie and the Po Boys, The Bobby Martin Band, No Sweat, Mechanix and Dixie Guns Reunion Band. The music was hot and the crowd had a great time.

Dicky Ward, lead singer for The 404 Band, said "I think this is the largest benefit I have been a part of and I have done a lot of them".



Scott finished his last chemo and now faces surgery. His prognosis is good. We worked on this benefit for a little over a month and it took on a life of it's own.

Thanks to Phillip May, JR Productions, Heidi Paquet, Dicky Ward, Terry Cavanaugh, Steve Shadinger, Joe and all the staff at the Tavern and all the great musicians who participated. If I forgot anyone - thank you.



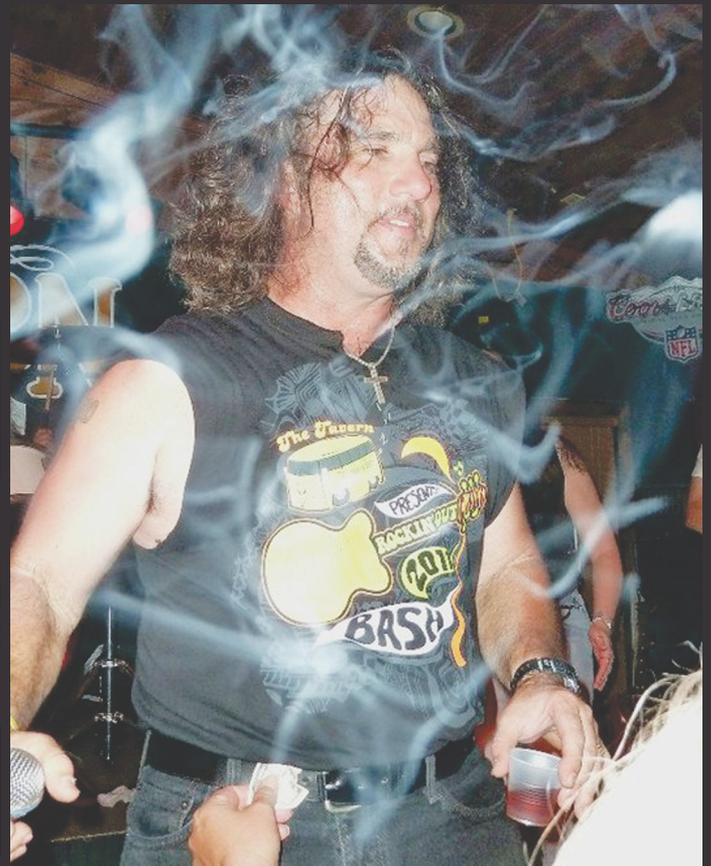
It was quite an honor for me to be invited to be a "Special Guest" at The Rockin' Out Cancer Benefit for fellow musician/bassist Scott Stickney last month. The Po' Boys couldn't make it, so I borrowed Twister and Tim Green from the "404 Band", and we called ourselves "Willie & GA White Trash".

To re-iterate what my friend Dicky Ward said, this was the largest benefit I have ever been involved with. The Tavern at Bell's Ferry, where the Benefit for Scott was held, consists of 2 huge rooms, each with a stage. There were bands on both stages, and both rooms were absolutely PACKED!! As soon as a band quit in one room, the next band cranked up and started Rockin'!!



Phillip May and Dicky, along with JR Productions, began to put the entire project together just after Thanksgiving, and it showed. Everything went off without a problem. Many Thanks to Phil and Dicky for asking me to be part of the "Scott's Rockin; Out Cancer" Benefit. Ya'll did a great thing!!!

Terry "TC" Cavanaugh
Willie & the Po' Boys



SAMANTHA'S KIDS

We would like to Thank Samatha and her Dad, Cowboy, for helping us to present to you pictures of Kids that attend Bike Events.

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