

## Trail Poop

Carefully gathered by the fairly inarticulate Tim Bernard at Happy Trails Products. Only the dirt and nothin' but the dirt, well a little bit of pavement to get there.

### Nicaragua

Sherry and I were really blessed by our trip to Nicaragua. You can view some of the pictures at <http://purplesageranger.smugmug.com/>. We delivered 4 motorcycles to rural Pastors, visited schools and hospitals and some of the team worked on dormitories at a center for women coming out of prostitution. The funding for the bikes and other money that is given to Missionary Ventures is funded by the Christian Motorcyclist Association annual fund raiser in May called the Run for the Son. The CMA Chapter I am involved with supports the Carl Struthers Memorial CMA run for the Son on the first Saturday in May. Of the funds raised 20% is given to Missionary Ventures for the Motorcycles and their other projects.

I will have a detailed update in January about the trip.



### Nehemiah Riders

With the two CMA trips to Nicaragua I have formed a very unique relationship with some of the Missionary Ventures Missionaries there. When I came home in 2005 I had sensed a need that the MVI Missionaries could also use motorcycles as a tool. I had talked about this with several close friends and one of them, Lynn Brown, encouraged me to follow through on gifting bikes to the MVI Missionaries. Lynn said he would help fund the project along with me and the two of us would ride the bikes down and deliver them. Two of my missions' supporters, Ken Hunter and Mike McLain also were very interested in the project. After much discussion and prayer it was decided that six riders would be the maximum number for logistics and we

would add another bike for the MVI Missionaries. The MVI Missionaries that were chosen were Eric Loftsgard, Mike Diebert and Jason MacLachlan. Eric and Mike will fly to Phoenix to meet up with the four of us for the ride through Mexico and Central America ending in Managua Nicaragua. Lynn and Ken Hunter are going to ride from Boise and Mike, Papa, McLain and I will haul the other four bikes to Phoenix. We will depart Phoenix the first week in April. I would like to really thank those that offered bikes to us for sale. The donated bikes will be 2 DR650's and a KLR 650. The bikes, with the exception of the engines, are being disassembled and completely gone through in our shop. They will be fully equipped with panniers and other goodies to make them great adventure bikes. We will give you more updates in the future.

If you would like to donate to the travel expense of the MVI Missionaries you can make a check out to Ten Mile Community Church noting Nehemiah Riders and mail it to Tim Bernard 4545W Chinden Blvd Boise Id. 83714.



## December 25<sup>th</sup>

We at Happy Trails want to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas. As this day that we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ comes, please take time to share it with those precious gifts of family, God has given to all of us.

## January 27<sup>th</sup> Tech Day



Well it is almost here again the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Doohickey Tech Day and Open House.

For those of you who might know what a Doohickey is you can come in and see first hand what one is. We have 20 slots open for customers to bring their KLR 650's in and do the engine balancer cam chain lever upgrade. If you have not signed up you can go to our website under Kawasaki KLR650 & Doohickey and sign up; or call in and we will sign you up. We will be giving away another ARAI helmet this year along with Fieldsheer clothing and other items. You must be present to win any of the items and it is rumored that Darrel Case will be in Arizona this year so someone else will have a chance to win the helmet. There will also be a special drawing for the club or organization with the most in attendance. If you belong to

several clubs or organizations you can sign up under all of them.

We will have a Chili cook off again this year with a \$50.00 cash prize going to the winner. So contact me if you are interested in sharing your chili.

## February 24<sup>th</sup> Suspension Tech Day

We will be over the ups and downs of suspension this day. Rumor has it we will be tricking out a DL650 V Strom among other things. Speaking of V Strom owners; if you are looking for something to do with the family on Christmas Day, Doug the owner of Back Street Billiards next to Hasting in Boise at Five Mile and Overland is open at 4:00 PM.



## May 5 Carl Struthers Memorial Ride / CMA Run for the Son

Mark this on your calendar for a great day of riding.

### Bikes for sale:

2001 BMW R1150GS 20K Engine Guards, Tank Bag, Heated Grips, ABS, Accessory outlet, BMW Tail Trunk, Happy Trails Panniers. Sale Price \$8950.00. Contact Tim @ 208-866-2553 [tim.bernard@happy-trail.com](mailto:tim.bernard@happy-trail.com)

### 5<sup>th</sup> Wheel for sale

2000 Tahoe Transporter model M-33TB 35" x 8" \$12,995.00. Good condition set up to haul 5 bikes inside, extra storage inside, top platform.

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