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Welcome to the Millennium

And was Y2K a non-event or what? The air traffic control "problem" reported a few days after the new year gave me pause, but on balance I guess all the publicity got people working on the problem before any bad stuff could happen.



Kirk Woodward

Route 66'ers Ride Route 66

Dan and Pat Daniell live in Wilmington, IL, not far from a Route 66 icon: The Gemini Giant at the Launching Pad Drive Inn. We always stop there when we're rolling out of Chicago. Don - a millwright and Pat - a bank teller, are particu-



Dan & Pat Daniell, Wilmington, IL

larly looking forward to seeing the Cozy Drive In in Springfield, IL and Funk's Grove. They told us they enjoy small towns and scenery. They'll find those in abundance on Route 66.

HD & Honda Duke It Out

Harley-Davidson is on the threshold of out-selling Honda in US motorcycle sales. In 1999, Harley claimed 26% of all motorcycles sold while Honda lags slightly at 25%. Honda said they've launched a three-year campaign to resume their top spot. Lets hope the competition is reflected on those price tags.

X Marks a Sad Spot

Excelsior-Henderson, a serious effort to become another US based motorcycle manufacturer, filed bankruptcy papers December 21st. They said that they hadn't been able to secure additional financing despite operating gains. *Ed Note: You'll recall we pictured the unique front end of their bikes last month.* The company laid off most of their 116



Excelsior-Henderson front fork

person work force and plans to reorganize.

Happily (according to the Motorcycle Industry

Council) new motorcycle sales were up 25% in 1999 over 1998. **The seventh straight year for increased sales.**

"Give Me ALL of It!"

Lew Bellinger of Hayes, VA told us he particularly wants to see "all" of Route 66.



Lew Bellinger, Hayes, VA

He learned about the run on our Internet site (<http://www.hhjm.com/rally>) and decided that making the ride with like minded people would be the most enjoyable way to see Route

66. Lew has been riding actively for the past four years.

Don't Ban the Bikes

Illinois has become the second state in the nation to pass a law prohibiting motorcycle bans on nearly all of its roads. The drive for the law came in response to repeated efforts by Chicago officials to ban motorcycles from various city streets, including Lake Shore Drive (the end of Route 66 for eastbound riders).

Texas Cafe



Jesse's Cafe, Texas Panhandle

A Route 66 cruiser reports that Jesse's serves a mean piece of Texas Toast along with a first class, stick to your ribs breakfast. It is typical of cafes along the Old Road.

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