

# The Mother Road Rally NEWS

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## REALLY Early

Hats off to Michael Bradshaw-Hayes of **Great Britain**. They have registered for the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Mother Road Rally set for June 8, **2002**. (Right, next year). As Michael explained in his note, reserving a motorcycle, booking travel arrangements call for a lot of advance planning. So they've tied down their participation already. Michael and his passenger, Virginia Oldham, will be our first participants from Merry Olde England. *Welcome to the Colonies, Michael and Virginia!*



Kirk Woodward

## Friends Tell Friends about the Mother Road Rally

Fred Beyer of Beyer Insurance in Orland Park, IL signed up for the run and promptly told his neighbor, Joe Miroballi, about the event. Now Joe is set to jog along with Fred and 37 others in June. We're



Fred Beyer, Orland Park, IL

still running well ahead of registrations at the same time last year, so we still think we'll have more than a 100 bikes on the Old Road this Summer.

## Motorcycle Ownership

Bike ownership increased slightly over 27% in 2000. Pair that with the 26% in 1999 and your guess that we're seeing more bikes is true. Certainly registrations for the Rally have grown and the heavy touring bike predominates our registrations.

## Bob Waldmire Does Hard Time

Rally Old Timers probably remember Bob Waldmire and his Hackberry, AZ Visitor's Center. Since selling that property and moving

back to Springfield, IL, Bob has been writing the history of his father and the family's **Cozy Dog Drive Inn** on 6<sup>th</sup> street in Springfield. Now the *State Journal Register of Springfield* reports that Bob was hauled before Judge Byron Cudmore for displaying live rattlesnakes at the Cozy Dog. The penalty? Judge Cudmore "sentenced" Waldmire to prepare wild life drawings for the U. S. Fish & Wildlife Service. Talk about bus driver holidays - Bob *loves* capturing nature in his pen and ink drawings . . . he has been doing it for years.

## Classic Rider

Bill Haycock of Columbus, GA brings another first to this year's Rally. He'll be riding the first Thunder Bird Classic (by Triumph) to be registered for the run. Bill told me that he is still pouring over the Route 66 maps to pinpoint his "must see" sights. He retired from active military service and has been riding motorcycles for seven years.



Bill Haycock, Columbus, GA

## Monster Twin

American Honda has announced a new cruiser bike for Spring, 2002.

The VTX is billed at a hair under 1,800 cc's and will be the most powerful regular



Honda's 2002 VTX Cruiser

production twin motorcycle in the world. Honda's stated intent of recapturing big bike sales leadership appears most serious. We sat on this monster at Cycle World's Dallas Motorcycle Show and it is a true brute. It seemed that those tall cylinders make the weight sit very high .

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