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Pins Are In

One of the major “plan ahead” items on the annual Rally are ride pins. We’re talking on the order of 6-8 weeks to get them in stock. Now that the 2001 pins are here, we have shipped **registration materials to the fourteen (14) earliest of the**



Kirk Woodward



2001 Ride Pin

early birds. This year we ordered 200 pins just to make double darn sure that everyone who registers gets a pin. You’ll recall that last year we ran out.

Girl Gone Bad

Later this month the Public Broadcasting System (check your local listing for exact day and time) will broadcast “Girl Gone Bad.” The show takes the viewer on a ride through the world of



“Girl Gone Bad” a November Television Special

female motorcyclists. Dusty Switzer, a native born Apache, ex-felon, ex-go-go-dancer and single mother of three is the narrator-guide for the program. She visits Lisa Turvey, an LAPD motor officer who wants to be a motorcycle sergeant; Peggy Bennington, a family law practitioner from California and other women riders. It was Peggy’s license plate GRLGNBD that inspired the name of the program. *The Mother Road Rally* enjoyed having *Debby Stevens, Sandra Ball, Helena Nygren and Annette Bawl* along as “one up” riders in June, 2000.

Love Ride 17

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Jay Leno will lead over 20,000 motorcyclists in Love Ride 17 on November 12. They leave from Harley-Davidson of Glendale and run 50 miles to Castaic Lake.

It is billed as the largest motorcycle fund raising event in the world. Leno, an avid collector of motorcycles and automobiles has served as Grand Marshall of the event for many years with millions of dollars raised for charity. At the end of the run there is a bar-b-que and concert. This year the concert will feature Blood, Sweat & Tears and Creedence Clearwater Revisited. **Motorcycling has a major friend in Leno.**



Jay Leno
NBC Television

Art of the Motorcycle Moves to Vegas

Last year the Guggenheim Museum in New York opened a show of classic motorcycles to big crowds. From New York, it moved to Chicago and got an **excellent review from Joe Miller - a Rally Repeat Offender.** Now the show is moving to Guggenheim Las Vegas, a 63,000 square foot facility inside the Venetian Hotel-Casino. Art did well when it was introduced to the Vegas Strip at the Bellagio in 1998 . . . Art of the Motorcycle is scheduled to open in the summer of 2001. Hopefully just in time for Mother Road Rally participants who break off from the run at Kingman, AZ to take in Las Vegas.

Not Nearly as Tough as he looks

Bill Mikesell of South Elgin, IL has been a good friend of The Mother Road Rally for many years. A **Repeat Offender** of many years standing, Bill has hosted me for dinner in Chi-



Bill Mikesell
Picture from video,
“The Millennium Run”

cago. A career over the road trucker, Bill has run Route 66 and its successors on 18 wheels even though he far prefers the two of his new Gold Wing. Bill pioneered the “escape the heat” system of riding the Rally. He begins riding a tad before first light, 4:30AM or so, then plans to check into a motel shortly after lunch. He reports no problem getting a room at that early hour and plenty of “pool time” to cool off from the day’s ride.